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April core sector growth at 1.7%

Production growth in eight core infrastructure sectors rose to a two-month high of 1.7% in April, driven by higher output of steel, cement. Coal, crude oil, natural gas and fertiliser recorded negative growth during the month

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India, Italy form strategic partnership

Trade target set at 20bn euors by '29

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

INDIA and Italy elevated their bilateral relationship to a 'special strategic partnership', deepening cooperation across trade, defence, technology, connectivity and maritime security as Prime Minister Narendra Modi held extensive talks with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni in Rome.

The announcement came during Modi's visit to Italy on the final leg of his five-nation tour and reflects growing convergence between New Delhi and Rome amid shifting geopolitical alignments, supply-chain disruptions and intensifying competition over technology and critical resources. The two countries also unveiled an ambitious target of raising bilateral trade from 14.25 billion euros in 2025 to 20 billion euros by 2029.

"We deliberated extensively on enhancing India-Italy ties," Modi said in a joint press statement after the talks, and added that the India-Italy Joint Strategic Action Plan 2025-2029 would provide a "practical and futuristic roadmap" for cooperation across sectors.

Modi was accorded a ceremonial military welcome on arrival, while Meloni hosted him for dinner and accompanied him on a visit to the Colosseum ahead of the formal talks. The two leaders have steadily built close political engagement in recent years, with Meloni saying she had met Modi seven times over the last few years and developed "a genuine friendship". Several MoUs were signed covering agriculture, critical minerals, Ayurveda, science and technology, maritime transport and ports. A key agreement on facilitating the mobility of Indian nurses to Italy is expected to create new opportunities for skilled healthcare workers.

Both sides welcomed the India-Italy Defence Industrial Roadmap aimed at promoting co-development and co-production in areas including helicopters, naval platforms, marine armaments and electronic warfare.

The India-Italy Joint Strategic Action Plan 2025-29 provides a practical and futuristic framework for our partnership. Bilateral trade is rapidly moving towards the target of 20 billion euros
Prime Minister Narendra Modi

India's size, digital infrastructure and innovation can complement Italy's industrial strength, manufacturing excellence, and technological integration capacity
Italian PM Giorgia Meloni

Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a meeting with his Italian counterpart Giorgia Meloni, in Rome, Italy on Wednesday | PTI

Block fake NEET info, social media firms told

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

UNION Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Wednesday directed social media platforms to detect and block misinformation networks ahead of the NEET-UG re-exam. Investigations into the cancelled medical entrance exam on May 3 revealed that the question paper was sold by unscrupulous individuals using such platforms to lure candidates.

For the second consecutive day, Pradhan chaired a high-level review meet in connection with the re-exam on June 21. On Wednesday, he interacted with Central security and intelligence agencies as well as representatives of major social media platforms — Meta, Google & Telegram, a release said. "Serious concerns were raised by officials during the meet over the growing spread of misinformation related to competitive examinations, particularly through Telegram channels and anonymous online groups," it said. Officials also noted that many such channels become highly active in the run-up to major examinations, circulating fake paper leak claims, clickbait content and unverified information that trigger panic, anxiety and confusion among students and parents. "Many such links redirect users to automated bots and fake groups designed to amplify misinformation," they added.

The ministry said intelligence inputs revealed that multiple suspicious channels were being operated through a limited set of phone numbers, indicating organised activity.

B'luru civic polls: SC grants time till Aug 31

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday extended the deadline for conducting the long-pending elections to the five city corporations under Greater Bengaluru Authority to August 31.

A three-judge bench of the apex court, headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and comprising Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi, passed the order on Wednesday and granted time till August 31, clarifying that no further extension would be allowed.

The top court passed the order after senior advocate Dr Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for the Karnataka government, cited a shortage of manpower due to census operations and the forthcoming special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the state to conduct the elections. P2

EXPRESS READ

Notification in 3 days for Bidadi project

Bengaluru: The Karnataka government is set to issue a notification on land acquisition for the Bidadi township project in three days. Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said most farmers have given their nod and sought compensation at the earliest. P2

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Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Siddaramaiah and Hon'ble Minister Shri Ramalinga Reddy distributing free bus tickets to women under the Shakthi scheme

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- **Nakshatra:** Punarvasu 9.33 am • Moon in Simha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm
- **Gulikakala:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am • **Yamaganda:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER

MIN 22°C | MAX 33°C

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Sunrise 05.53 am
Sunset 06.39 pm
Moonrise 10.19 am
Moonset 11.28 pm

GOVT TO START ACQUIRING BIDADI LAND, NOTIFICATION IN 3 DAYS

DKS says he has taken farmers into confidence and offered them higher compensation

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@Bengaluru

AMID much opposition from farmers, the State Government is all set to issue the land acquisition notification for the Greater Bengaluru Township Project in Bidadi in the next three days.

Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar, who met farmers from Bidadi on Wednesday, said 80% of the farmers are ready to give up their land, while funds to provide compensation to them will be released from the first week of June.

After meeting farmers, Shivakumar told reporters that most of them did not just give their nod for the project, but also wanted the compensation released at the earliest. "In the final land acquisition notification, three villages will be made into a pocket, and the compensation will be paid accordingly." He further advised farmers not to sell their land now. "Once the township notification is issued, the price of land will increase. I have taken farmers into confidence and offered them higher compensation," he added.

"This project was not done by me; it was done when HD Kumaraswamy was chief minister, and they had decided to pay Rs 8,000 per sqft to DLF, which had proposed a project here. But the company took the money back as the project was not feasible," he added. "This region was subsequently declared a red zone, where buying and selling of land was not allowed," he said.

DCM DK Shivakumar holds a meeting with farmer leaders (below) from Bidadi at his home-office on Kumara Park-Gandhi Bhavan Road on Wednesday | EXPRESS

There are schemes for those who have lost land, and the details will be released later, he said. "50% will be given for residential purposes and 45% for commercial. There are chances of making a premier floor area ratio, which will bring more money to farmers," Shivakumar stressed. He said the township will be connected by Kanakapura Road, Bengaluru-Mysuru Road and NICE Road. The Satellite Town Ring Road will also be linked. The design of the township will be released once the land is acquired, he added.

The farmers and JDS leaders, including former PM HD Deve Gowda, have strongly opposed the project.

'FIX TIME AND PLACE'

On Kumaraswamy throwing him a challenge for a debate on the township project in relation to farmers, Shivakumar said he is ready to go to any place that Kumaraswamy chooses. "I just need three days to get ready" he said.

Govt will push farmers onto streets: Ashoka

BENGALURU: Slamming the state government's decision to issue a notification to acquire land in Bidadi for the township project, Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka said the move will be a betrayal of farmers. "That area has fertile agricultural land with abundant coconut, mango, silk and milk production. The government is trying to grab such land and push farmers onto the streets. In the meetings held by DCM DK Shivakumar on Wednesday, they got fake farmers to project support for the acquisition. But the real farmers have clearly said they will not give their land, he told reporters.

He said the BJP has supported the Bidadi farmers' struggle from the beginning and will continue to stand with them. "There is plenty of vacant land around Bengaluru. When layouts like Kempegowda Layout and Shivaram Karanth Layout have lakhs of unsold flats, what is the need for new ones?" he said. "There are about 3,000 acres of government land in Bidadi itself, yet the government is eyeing farmers' private land."

LEAKING CITY

An overflowing manhole gives a tough time to motorists on Vijayanagar Pipeline Road on Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Small parties not happy, say govt can't delay polls forever

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

GBA POLLS

SMALL parties and their aspirants, planning to contest the elections to the five city corporations under the Bengaluru Authority (GBA), on Wednesday said they are unhappy with the Supreme Court decision to extend the deadline to hold the elections to August.

Ravi Krishna Reddy, founder, Karnataka Rashtriya Paksha (KRS), said the term of the elected council for Bengaluru ended on September 10, 2020, when the erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) was in place. The city has been functioning without an elected body for the last six years, he said. "For 25 years, elections to the local bodies in Bengaluru have never happened on time. That is because current MLAs and their families want to have a hold on the elected bodies. They don't want to see a parallel source of power and are against the local body elections as it will give rise to second-line leaders," Reddy said. Irrespective of the party in power in the state, governments always try to delay elections by filing appeal and affidavits. "We are saddened by such a long delay," he added.

Despite the extensions and delays, the Bengaluru Navanirmana Party (BNP) is confident of winning the local body polls whenever it is held. BNP founder Srikanth Narasimhan said the party has selected around 50 wards and suitable candidates. "We have filed a petition in court for elections to the local bodies. The government can delay it, but it cannot drag on for a long time," he said.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), looking to replicate its Delhi success in Bengaluru, is also working for the last six years to contest the local body elections. "Congress is hesitant to hold the GBA elections as it is scared that it will lose in Bengaluru, a defeat that would severely damage DCM DK Shivakumar's chief ministerial ambitions. It is highly likely that even by August, the party will find another pretext or legal loophole to delay the polls further," Ashok Mruthyunjaya, chairman of AAP unit, Bengaluru East City Corporation, said.

AAP leader and Seshadripuram ward aspirant Usha Mohan said, "By deliberately delaying these polls, the Congress government isn't just failing to fix Bengaluru's infrastructure, it is actively blocking the democratic process that would allow an elected corporator to step in and solve these problems."

Cong delaying polls fearing defeat: Ashoka

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@ Bengaluru

LEADER of Opposition in the legislative Assembly R Ashoka on Wednesday alleged that the ruling Congress has been delaying elections to the councils of the city corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority fearing its defeat.

The government should have conducted the elections long ago. But now, the ruling party's internal assessment itself says that it will lose all five corporations in the city. The government wants to delay the elections because of this fear, he told reporters here. Ashoka criticised the government for attempting to acquire farmers' land at Bidadi for a township project.

Accusing the government of repeatedly postponing the elections, Ashoka said this decision is nothing but a betrayal of the people of Bengaluru. The ruling Congress created five corporations in Bengaluru and now it is not ready to conduct elections to them, fearing its defeat.

Ashoka alleged that DCM DK Shivakumar, who is also Bengaluru Development Minister, wants the elections to be delayed till he becomes chief minister. Due to the ruling Congress' infighting, garbage is piling up on the streets of Bengaluru and no development work is happening. The Congress government is responsible for this. The court has given another deadline and elections should be held by then. The BJP is ready for the elections. The government should announce the election without any delay, he said.

Go and activate your machinery: SC

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Senior advocate Dr Abhishek Manu Singhvi requested the bench to extend the timeline for completing the elections by two to three months. He submitted that the budgetary allocation has already been made, but there would be a lack of personnel. On hearing Dr Singhvi's arguments,the court granted the extension, observing, "Go and activate your machinery." The term of the previous elected body of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike ended on September 10, 2020, and a state-appointed administrator has been managing its affairs since then. On January 12, the SC directed the state government and the State Election Commission (SEC) to complete the city civic body polls by June 30. It had directed the state government to publish the final ward-wise reservation by February 20. In its plea in the apex court, the Karnataka govt challenged the high court's December 2020 direction to the SEC to hold BBMP polls at the earliest after finalising electoral rolls.

Farmers reject DCM's claims, oppose GBIT project

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BYRAMANGALA Mattu Kanchugaranahalli Raithara Bhu Horata Hitharakshana Sangha, a farmers' association comprising over 20 villages falling under Byramangala and Kunchugaranahalli Gram Panchayat in Bidadi, some 30 kms away from Bengaluru, has rejected Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar's claim that 80% of farmers have agreed to the Greater Bengaluru Integrated Township (GBIT). They said they are not ready to part with their land for the project.

HG Prakash, ex-Byramangala Taluk Panchayat Member, Mandlahalli Nagarj, a farmer from Byramangala Grama Panchayat, and others claimed that those who were seen with the DCM and speaking for the project are into real estate business and hence will not speak in the interest of the farmers.

The farmers want to keep agriculture alive and pass it on to the next generation. "Some of them seen with the DCM are big landlords, they may benefit from the project, but our concern is with hundreds of farmers with less land or those who cultivate on leased land to make a living. The DCM had promised to look into the welfare of small-time farmers and would address their concerns. We hope he sticks to his words," said Prakash. Nagaraj, who owns 40 acres of family land in Mandlahalli village, said it took 20 years for many farmers to turn the arid region into irrigated land, but now the government wants to take over it and make a township.

"Cultivation is our identity; the DCM wants to take over. Those who say they are for the project are very few in number, and they are doing this due to greed. If a survey is done, the majority of farmers will reject the claims made by the DCM," Nagaraj said.

It is said that the farming community is planning a massive agitation by blocking a major road to send a message to the government that they are against the project.

Farmers continue their protest against the project in Bidadi on Wednesday | EXPRESS

GBDA Chairman claims support

As on Wednesday, 179 farmers, who own 2 acres to 30 acres, met the DCM at his official residence in Bengaluru and pledged support for the township project, said Greater Bengaluru Development Authority (GBDA) Chairman GN Nataraju. He said that from over 170 farmers, the government will get 2,669 acres and the farmers will also get better compensation and additional benefits.

"Initially when applications were invited for land acquisition, 1,367 applications were received out of which 258 were absent during hearing. Interestingly 567 farmers agreed on the day itself to part their land," said Nataraju.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

21st May : When Venus Squares Neptune Anxiety is a product of living in a worrisome future instead of where you actually are in space and time. The wonderful thing about the "now" moment is that when you drift away from it, there are so many roads that lead back. Most of them run through the senses. Scents and tastes are an especially effective route today.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
It's not that you're making strange moves; it's just that the others can't see what you're responding to and why. "And those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music." --Friedrich Nietzsche

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
If you don't want to do something now, chances are you're not going to want to do it later either. So avoid kicking problems further down the road, especially ones that could be handled in under three hours.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
You've an inner zeal that's so ingrained, you don't even realize how rare it is. But in some environments, people and relationships, there are dangerously low levels of enthusiasm. Avoid them to protect your beautiful beacon of joy.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Politics plays into every situation. You accept it and get in the game -- a game you're very good at today. You lead with diplomacy and keep looking for the opportunities to leverage assets, trade favors and fill needs.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
It's all humming until one wonky piece in the machine stalls the whole operation. Don't spread yourself thin trying to improve everything. Find the problematic hinge and oil that.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Fun doesn't seem to be organically burbling up from the routine. You'll have to create it. Originality will be required. What would you do if your main job was to enjoy yourself? Who is to say that it's not?

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
It pays to do the work people actually need and want, and today it pays well. Ten people who rely on you will speak louder than a thousand who scroll past. Earn trust in close quarters and it travels outward.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Positioning, expectations and self-assessment are part of the deal today. You'll be setting a price, and it tells a story about what you're selling before you say anything else about it. People will make inferences from the price more than the work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Even superheroes don't greet every challenge with a smile. Serious situations call for a serious approach. You don't need to fake enthusiasm. You're not here to impress; you're here to understand, so you can make the most effective decision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
You have an idea about who to bring together and why. This is good. People will thank you for it later. Picking the date and the venue is the hardest part. Once you do that, momentum takes over and before you know it, a grand plan is coming together.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
The day calls for you to act with courage and restraint in equal measure. Some moments call for directness, others for patience. Reading the situation and adjusting your approach is part of your expert handling of delicate matters.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
Envisioning things can be like a test. If you can fall in love with an idea, you can also make others fall in love with it. Furthermore, love gives you energy and the boldness to take risks, experiment, figure things out, work hard and make it real.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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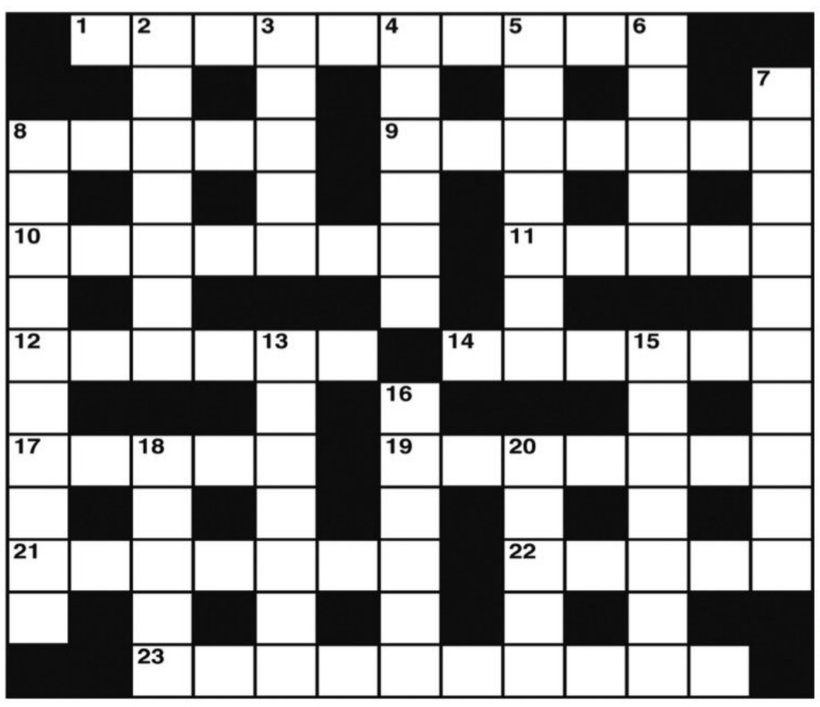

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ACROSS

1 As worn in the depression? (6,4)
8 One fat round Scotsman (5)
9 It's useless shielding a bad crook (7)
10 What is used to control the horse is in it (7)
11 Jack found in church we hear (5)
12 Fancy us to be stupid (6)
14 Properly dressed soldiers are (2,4)
17 Spanish wine jar I smashed when empty (5)
19 Product of a fruitful harem? (7)
21 A job for the tinker on the way (7)
22 Booked with prejudice (5)
23 Amazon country? (2,4,4)

DOWN

2 Divided about design for dress (7)
3 Give someone a painful reminder? (5)
4 Foreign capital goes up in smoke (6)
5 Use suntan lotion - it helps in the rain (7)
6 A magnificent band going on ahead? (5)
7 Never ate it turning obstinate (10)
8 Impressive print of thigh or lap perhaps (10)
13 Space for some car movement (3,4)
15 I adopt a Latin form of language (7)
16 A grim situation on board (6)
18 Frequently expressed as decimal (5)
20 Revers the French and the Spanish adopted quietly (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Direct, 4 Poetry, 9 Romance, 10 There, 11 Alone, 12 Reposed, 13 Petty tyrant, 18 Chatter, 20 Parka, 22 Mater, 23 Endives, 24 Secede, 25 Myself.

Down: 1 Durban, 2 Romeo, 3 Concert, 5 On tap, 6 Treason, 7 Yields, 8 Secretaries, 14 Elastic, 15 Rapidly, 16 Scamps, 17 Massif, 19 Tired, 21 Revue.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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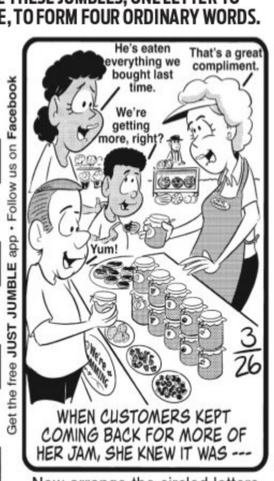
He's eaten everything we bought last time.
That's a great compliment.
We're getting more, right?
Yum!
WHEN CUSTOMERS KEPT COMING BACK FOR MORE OF HER JAM, SHE KNEW IT WAS ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: " " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: THIRD AVOID BAMBOO CHEESE
Answer: Shoeing horses for a living was hard work, but it — BEHOOVED HIM

The flight services between Kalaburagi and Bengaluru will officially resume from June 10, the Kalyana Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industries (KKCC&I) said on Wednesday. The KKCC&I said Star Air would recommence the flight operations and ticket bookings are already open

High-voltage drama: Jilted youth climbs electricity tower

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

HIGH drama unfolded in Anekal after a youth climbed a high-tension electricity tower after his lover allegedly broke up with him and refused to marry him. Only after hours of convincing by the police and fire and emergency services personnel, the youth could be brought down safely.

The youth was identified as Somashekhar, a resident of Chinnayyanapalya in Anekal taluk.

The police said that Somashekhar had been in a relationship with the woman for the past three years and was heartbroken after she refused to marry him and ended the relationship.

Distressed over the breakup, he climbed the high-tension electricity tower. Local residents alerted the police, who, along with fire and emergency services personnel, rushed to the spot and disconnected the power supply.

Somashekhar reportedly demanded that the woman be brought to the spot. Despite repeated attempts by the police and fire personnel to convince him to come down, he initially refused. Later, the police brought the woman to the spot and convinced him to climb down safely. The incident was witnessed by hundreds of villagers.

EXPRESS READ

Three minors detained for assaulting teen, robbing scooter, cash

BENGALURU: The Rajarajeshwarinagar police have arrested three minors for allegedly assaulting another minor and robbing him of Rs 200 and his two-wheeler while he was on his way to a photocopy shop on the night of May 15. The accused, aged 16 and 17 years, are residents of Hosakerehalli. One of them had failed the SSLC examination, while another is a first-year PU student. The police said that a minor boy, who was going to a shop on his scooter near Kenchenahalli, was intercepted by four minors who came on two-wheelers. They allegedly assaulted him and snatched Rs 200 in cash from his mobile pouch and also took away his scooter. Later, the accused obtained the victim's Instagram ID and sent him a message stating that the stolen vehicle had been left near Jayanna Circle. Based on a complaint filed by the victim's father, Rajarajeshwarinagar police registered a robbery case. Following an investigation, the police detained three minors on May 20. During questioning, they allegedly confessed to committing the crime along with another associate. The police have recovered Rs 100 in cash and a two-wheeler used in the crime. Further investigation revealed that the seized two-wheeler was stolen by the minors from a place under Kaggalipura police station limits. The police said the accused allegedly committed the offence to fill petrol in their bikes and buy cigarettes. Efforts are underway to trace the fourth accused. **ENS**

Hebbal police seize MDMA worth ₹35 cr, 3 foreigners among 8 held

Police team from Bengaluru north division nabs six accused in Delhi and two from the city

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

HEBBAL police have busted an inter-state drug-peddling network by arresting eight people, including three foreign nationals, and seizing 17.5 kg of MDMA worth Rs 35 crore from them. Of the accused, six have been arrested in Delhi and Haryana. The police gave the names of the accused as Reena, 50, from West Delhi, Debashish Banerjee, 66, from Delhi, Dheeraj, 30 from Delhi, Mohammed Mansoor P, 30, and Abdul Sammed, 38, residents of Bengaluru, Danfa Gerald from Senegal, Magreth Liginiko Chale from Tanzania, and Obianuu Rita Okeke, 34.

Gerald and Chale came to India on tourist visas and lived in Haryana. Okeke came to India on a medical visa and lived in Delhi, the police said.

City police commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh told reporters on Wednesday that a police team from Bengaluru north division arrested six accused, including three foreigners, in Delhi and two from Bengaluru. The team recovered 17.5 kg of MDMA from different locations.

"This is one of the largest seizures made by our city police team. The team launched an operation some time ago and worked efficiently to trace the links of the accused. Many major players are absconding and we are trying to trace them," Singh said.

He said the racket came to light during an investigation into a case by Yeshwanthpur police, in which nine people were arrested. Information and technical evidence gathered during that investigation led the police to the drug-peddling network in Hebbal.

The 40-member police team worked in Bengaluru and Delhi. "We will continue our investigation to identify the main suppliers and consumers. We have gathered some evidence and are working to trace the key suppliers," he said.

City Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh inspects drugs worth Rs 35 crore seized by Hebbal police in Bengaluru on Wednesday | EXPRESS

MDMA hidden in sarees

The accused allegedly concealed MDMA crystals in sarees, foldable iron tables and chairs, and sent them from Delhi to Bengaluru by train.

The police said the drugs may have either been manufactured in Delhi or smuggled in from other countries, especially from Nigeria. In Bengaluru, the contraband was allegedly kept in cars parked in isolated places and sold to customers.

Based on a tip off, the police initially seized a car near Anand Nagar in Hebbal and recovered 4.3 kg of MDMA. Three people were detained in this connection. The police suspect that the accused arrested in Bengaluru procured the drugs from Delhi and distributed them across the city.

BRACING FOR MONSOON

Workers clean a storm water drain on Masjid Road in Bengaluru on Wednesday. The southwest monsoon is expected to advance into Karnataka, including Bengaluru, by June 1, nearly four days earlier than its usual onset date | VINOD KUMAR T

KPS staffer caught taking ₹20,000 bribe

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THE case worker at the Karnataka Public School in VV Puram, Renukaradhya KS, has been caught red-handed by the Lokayukta police while accepting a bribe of Rs 20,000 from a complainant.

According to the official statement, Renukaradhya allegedly demanded the bribe for sending the service book, along with some other documents, to the accountant general's office for the processing of the pension benefits of the complainant, Suresh R, a resident of Raghavendra Swamy Layout in the city.

Unwilling to pay the bribe, Suresh approached the Lokayukta police, who laid the trap and arrested Renukaradhya.

HC asks House to pay differential min wage to security agency

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE state government is liable to reimburse the revised minimum wages, the Karnataka High Court said while directing the Karnataka Legislative House to reconsider a claim for reimbursement of the differential wage amount of Rs 3.65 crore along with interest at the rate of 12% per annum.

Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum passed the order recently while allowing a petition by Asian Security and Personnel Arrangements, a security and manpower services agency, questioning the endorsement issued by the deputy secretary of the Karnataka Legislative House in 2024, declining to consider the petitioner's representation.

"The state, being an instrumentality under Article 12 of the Constitution, is expected to act as a model employer and cannot take advantage of contractual rigidity to indirectly compel the violation of labour welfare statutes. Therefore, the stand taken by the state appears to be irrational, unreasonable and contrary to public policy," the court observed.

The grievance of the petitioner was that during the subsistence of the contract, the wages payable to labourers came to be revised pursuant to the statutory notification of February 27, 2016, issued under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948. Therefore, the petitioner submitted representations seeking release of the differential wages amounting to Rs 3.65 crore along with interest.

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HC upholds jail term for KSRTC driver

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THE Karnataka High Court on Wednesday confirmed a sessions court ruling which awarded one year of simple imprisonment and imposed Rs 5,000 fine on a KSRTC bus driver who knocked down a commuter named Chitrashekharappa in 2019 at Chikkaballapura bus stand, leading to his death due to head injury. The HC said that the accused, being a professional driver, was expected to drive the bus by expecting unexpected things to occur within the precincts of the bus station.

The court also noted that merely on the ground that the accused, Nagaraj G H, attached to the Chikkaballapura depot, would lose the job if the conviction is upheld, cannot be treated as a mitigating circumstance to set aside the sentence of imprisonment either.

Justice V Srishananda passed the order recently, while partly allowing the criminal revision petition filed in 2023 by Nagaraj, challenging the order of conviction and sentence passed by the sessions court. He confirmed the order passed by the magistrate in 2023 for the offence under Section 304A IPC and one month imprisonment and Rs 1,000 fine for the offence under Section 279 IPC.

However, the high court noted that the separate sentence ordered by the magistrate for the offence under Section 279, a one-month simple imprisonment, needs to be set aside. No other mitigating circumstances are found to reduce the punishment for the offence under Section 304A, the judge said.

The court noted that the accused was first required to exercise extra diligence when he was driving the bus inside the KSRTC bus stand, considering there would be movement of the passengers. Further, if the accused had driven the bus at the required speed with diligence, he could have applied the brake so as to avoid knocking down Chitrashekharappa, the court noted.

THREE YEARS ON...

This community project helps reduce suicide cases

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

COMMUNITY ownership, early intervention and strong local support systems played a major role in the success of Project SURAKSHA, the community-based suicide prevention initiative launched by NIMHANS in Ramanagara district, said Dr Aneesh V Cherian, an additional professor at NIMHANS and the principal investigator of the project.

Speaking after the release of the project's three-year impact report on Wednesday, Dr Cherian said the initiative succeeded because it involved multiple sections of society rather than functioning only as a hospital-led programme.

"This was not just a project run by one institution. ASHA and Anganwadi workers, police personnel, mediapersons, elected representatives, healthcare staff and community leaders all came together for one cause," he said.

Project SURAKSHA, launched in 2023 in Channapattana taluk, is

India's first sustained community-based suicide prevention programme. Implemented in collaboration with the Karnataka government and Himalaya Wellness Company, the initiative is now being expanded to all five taluks of Ramanagara district, while Phase I implementation has also received approval in Ballari district.

Dr Cherian said the programme focused on identifying vulnerable individuals within the community and ensuring that support reached them at the earliest stage possible. During the past three years, around 1,600 cases were identified through hospitals, police stations and community networks. He said the project managed to reduce suicide re-attempts among those who received intervention "almost to zero."

The initiative functions through community surveillance teams across gram panchayats, where trained volunteers and frontline workers act as gatekeepers to identify vulnerable people. Schools, colleges, primary health centres and district hospitals have also been integrated into the programme, Dr Cherian said.

Stigma surrounding mental health and suicide was one of the biggest challenges during the initial phase of implementation, Dr Cherian said. "People were reluctant to openly discuss their struggles or experiences. But over time, awareness campaigns, helplines and community engagement helped build trust," he said.

Dr Cherian said that people below 40 years formed the largest vulnerable group identified under the project, with interpersonal and family conflicts emerging as major contributing factors.

KG Umesh, the director of human resources at Himalaya Wellness Company, said the outcomes of Project SURAKSHA showed that suicide prevention becomes more effective when communities actively participate in identifying and supporting vulnerable individuals before crises escalate.

The initiative created local support systems involving ASHA workers, teachers, panchayat members, frontline staff and volunteers trained to identify warning signs and connect people with professional help, Umesh said. The collaboration between NIMHANS, the Karnataka government and Himalaya Wellness also demonstrated how public-private partnerships could build sustainable mental health frameworks that can be replicated across other districts and states in India, he said.

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Slamming the state government's decision to issue a notification to acquire land in Bidadi for the township project, Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka said the move will be a betrayal of farmers

Cong brass to clear air over change in leadership by month-end?

Siddaramaiah to travel to New Delhi to meet Rahul Gandhi on May 28 or 29

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

THE Congress high command seems to have arrived at a juncture that it can no longer put on hold the decision to clear the confusion over leadership change or cabinet reshuffle in the state. Many senior Congress leaders, including some ministers, believe that the party central leadership will end uncertainty by May-end.

Party sources said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar are likely to be called to New Delhi over the next few days to put an end to an issue that has hogged the limelight for all the wrong reasons. Talking to reporters on Wednesday, Food and Civil Supplies Minister KH Muniyappa hinted at the high command taking the decision soon. "By this month-end, the decision will be made. Whatever must happen will happen. They (the high command) will find a solution to all this...," he said, asked whether there will be a change in leadership or cabinet reshuffle.

Congress functionaries privately admit that the confusion over change in leadership that has lingered since November 2025, when the government reached the midway mark, has damaged the image of both the government and party. They suggested that the high command, especially Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, should not take more time to settle the issue as the polls to five states have gotten over and the party has formed the UDF government in Kerala.

Congress sources said CM Siddaramaiah and DCM DK Shivakumar are likely to be called to New Delhi over the next few days to put an end to the leadership issue | FILE PHOTO

Sources said AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, during a casual talk with AICC General Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal at the Thiruvananthapuram airport on Monday, expressed his intention to resolve the Karnataka issue.

Siddaramaiah sympathisers try to reason that with leaders from forward communities becoming chief ministers in Telangana, Himachal Pradesh and Kerala, the high command will not risk its fortunes in Karnataka by dethroning a backward class leader. If a change is inevitable, a Dalit leader would be the option, they hoped. Sympathisers of Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara are upbeat that he could become either CM or DCM if the high command asks Siddaramaiah to vacate the post or gives him the go-ahead to create more DCM posts and reshuffle the cabinet.

They expect clarity to emerge by May 28 or May 29 when the CM is likely to visit Delhi then and meet Rahul.

Shivakumar told the media on Wednesday, "He (Rahul) said he would call me. I will go when I am called."

"Is Rajanna going to change the CM? There is nothing wrong in saying that the CM should continue. If he wants Parameshwar to be made the CM, does he mean that the CM should step down? Have I ever said the CM should be changed? I never said that," he said, responding to a question on former minister KN Rajanna's statement that if the CM is to be changed, Parameshwara should be made CM. "You (media) people are cooking up stories. I have never asked anyone for wages," he replied when asked whether or not he wants a reward for his efforts to bring the party to power in the state in 2023.

Shivakumar said during the lunch meeting at Energy Minister KJ George's residence on Monday, attended by Kharge and Siddaramaiah, they discussed state politics and how to bring the party back to power.

According to some senior leaders, the party is unlikely to take any decision before the elections to seven MLC seats from the Assembly and four RS seats. Also, Rahul is expected to travel abroad soon, the sources said.

GBA and RS polls

Even as Congress leaders expect the confusion to end over the change in leadership, political analysts said it may prolong for three more months. They cited the polls to seven MLC seats from the Assembly and four RS seats, which will be declared in June first or second week. Also, the polls to five city corporations under GBA will be completed by August. Until then, the high command is unlikely to take any decision, which is a blessing in disguise for Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, they remarked. "But these issues will not have any bearing on the Congress high command's decision as the government has completed three years in office," remarked a Congress functionary. "The decision demands urgency as further delay will not help the government or the party," he remarked.

WET DAYS AHEAD?

With monsoon round the corner, clouds hover over Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Cong high command, CM will decide on cabinet expansion, rejig: Khandre

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KARNATAKA Forest, Ecology and Environment Minister **Eshwar Khandre** on Wednesday said that the Congress high command and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will decide on the cabinet expansion or reshuffle, and there is no confusion in the state unit of the party.

Speaking to media persons in Bengaluru, Khandre said that there are many factions within the opposition BJP's state unit, and they have no moral right to talk about the Congress' internal developments.

The minister slammed the Union Government over the increase in prices of petrol, diesel, LPG cylinders and essential commodities. "People of the country are asking them questions. When the UPA was in power, the price of an LPG cylinder was Rs 400, now it has crossed Rs 1,000. What were the petrol and diesel prices then, and what are they today? What was the price of cooking gas then and now?" he asked.

The Congress leader said that the Congress has fulfilled the promises made to people by implementing the five guarantee schemes. "They criticised our guarantee schemes and had even stated that it was not possible to implement them. However, they have copied the same schemes in many states. They have done it in Delhi, West Bengal, and Maharashtra," he said. Khandre said the State Government allocated Rs 52,000 crore for five guarantees and is also taking up development works in all the districts.

"They must admit that it was wrong to criticise our guarantee schemes and apologise to people of the country," the minister said, and accused the Union Government of failingto fulfil its demands to provide housing to all and to double farmers' income. He also hit out at the Centre over the recent NEET question paper leak.

Rayareddy terms fuel price increase harsh

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FINANCIAL Advisor to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and MLA from Yelaburga,Basavaraj Rayareddy, strongly criticised the recent hike in diesel and petrol prices, describing it as "harsh" on the common people. Speaking to reporters, Rayareddy said that the Union Government, which imposes a heavy 31% tax on fuel, should immediately offer relief to citizens. "In comparison to neighbouring states, Karnataka has kept its taxes on diesel and petrol lower. That is precisely why fuel rates in Karnataka remain cheaper than in neighbouring states," he pointed out.

On concerns raised by reporters about Karnataka's finances and the delay in payment of Gruha Lakshmi amounts for the past three months, Rayareddy said that Karnataka's financial position remains robust.

"The state's finances are in good condition. The delay in Gruha Lakshmi disbursements occurred because the financial year ended on March 31. Accounts and books needed to be reconciled and matched. This is a routine annual exercise and not a matter of any major concern and the dues will obviously be paid," he said.

Rayareddy highlighted Karnataka's strong performance in GST collections. "Karnataka stands as the second highest GST-collecting state in the country after Maharashtra. We are ahead of economically powerful states like Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, and even Andhra Pradesh," he said.

The CM's Financial Advisor criticised the Union Government's financial management, stating that its finances could be better managed. He contrasted this with Karnataka's proactive welfare measures despite fiscal challenges. He emphasised the scale of the State Government's welfare initiatives. Karnataka is providing financial assistance to over 1.25 crore women under the Gruha Lakshmi scheme. He said unemployment allowance is being given to youngsters. He said power bills are being subsidised.

Dr G defends his push for declaring Tumakuru as Bengaluru North dist

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KARNATAKA Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara on Wednesday defended his push for declaring Tumakuru as Bengaluru North, saying it would bring more foreign direct investments to the region.

But it has to be seen whether the Karnataka cabinet meeting on Thursday takes up the proposal.

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> Dr G Parameshwara, Home Minister

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> PC Mohan, Bengaluru Central MP from BJP

With Bengaluru Rural already being named Bengaluru North, Parameshwara may have to settle for Tumakuru to be part of Greater Bengaluru. Bengaluru North covers Ramanagara district, from where Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president DK Shivakumar hails.

Parameshwara said, "When I had mentioned it earlier too, critics had made it an issue. But this will not affect Tumakuru's status."

He gave the example of Noida being a critical part of the National Capital Region in Delhi. Earlier, he had pushed for extending the Bengaluru Metrol line till Tumakuru under the public-private partnership model, for which a detailed project report is being prepared.

Bengaluru South BJP MP Tejasvi Surya had opposed the move, claiming the Metro is for intracity connectivity and not intercity.

Posting on social media platform X, Bengaluru Central MP from BJP, PC Mohan, mocked Parameshwara, "Home Minister has proposed renaming Tumakuru, nearly 70 km from Bengaluru as Bengaluru North. At this rate, Mangaluru may become Bengaluru Beachfront, Kalaburagi Bengaluru Far East, Kodagu Bengaluru Hill Station and the entire state Greater Bengaluru Area."

"Shivakumar and Parameshwara are trying to shed the rural tag to their respective regions, because they have political and business interests as well," observed a Congress leader, pointing out that they run a large number of educational institutions.

The concept may boost medical tourism by attracting patients from abroad. The realty sector is also likely to boom, said a realtor.

POLITICAL THEATRE

Float tenders for 800 Karnataka Public School, CM tells officials

BENGALURU: At a meeting held with Karnataka School Education and Literacy Minister Madhu Bangarappa on Wednesday, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah instructed to start floating tenders for starting 800 Karnataka Public Schools (KPS) this year at the earliest. The CM also announced that the KPS scheme will be launched in Shivamogga on June 1. "At each school, 1,200 children will get admission, and education will be provided in Kannada and English medium from LKG to PUC. All 800 schools should be fully ready in the next two years," Siddaramaiah added. He also instructed to formulate how to provide school bus facilities to the state's KPSs, and to immediately submit a proposal for filling teacher vacancies to the Finance Department. Bangarappa added that special training programmes had been organised in the Kalyan Karnataka region to improve the students' academic performance. ENS

All-India Democratic Students' Organisation members address a press conference in Benglauru on Wednesday | EXPRESS

AIDSO protests against KPS Magnet schools

BENGALURU: The All-India Democratic Students' Organisation (AIDSO) held a press conference on Wednesday, condemning the implementation of the Karnataka Public School (KPS) Magnet Policy at schools in the Ramanagara taluk (Bengaluru South), alleging that over 40 government schools could shut down, despite public opposition. Vice President of AIDSO Karnataka Apoorva CM said, "The 'Magnet School' project is being rushed into implementation in Ramanagara taluk of Bengaluru South district. Already, three Magnet schools have been opened, and preparations are underway to shut down more than 40 surrounding government schools. Residents are being told half-truths, and parents are being forcibly pressured to sign documents to enrol their children in the Magnet schools. Although the Magnet school already started in Honganuru has been a failure, teachers from surrounding government schools are being pressured to send at least half of their students there just to project it as a success."Former Vice-Chancellor of Hampi University and state president of the Save Public Education Committee Prof. A Murigeppa added that closing down of government schools under the pretext of a shortage of students or lack of infrastructure is highly condemnable. He urged the State Government to upgrade the existing government schools in every single village of the state into a high-quality KPS. ENS

EXPRESS READ

ELEVATE marks 10th anniversary

BENGALURU: The IT-BT Department announced on Wednesday the opening of applications for the 25th call for startups under the ELEVATE programme, marking its 10th anniversary. Online applications are set to open on May 25. The department has, for the first time, announced four ELEVATE tracks simultaneously: ELEVATE General, open to startups across sectors; ELEVATE Shakti (earlier ELEVATE Women), for startups with at least 51% women ownership; ELEVATE Unnati, focused on SC/ST founders to promote inclusive entrepreneurship, and ELEVATE Aspire (earlier ELEVATE Beyond Bengaluru), aimed at encouraging innovation from Tier 2 and Tier 3 regions across Karnataka. ELEVATE offers a one-time grant of up to Rs 50 lakh. "As we celebrate 10 years of ELEVATE, we are proud of the impact it has created... supporting over 1,200 startups and unlocking innovation across Karnataka," said IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge.

Govt to take NIAS help for Lakkundi excavations

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KARNATAKA Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil on Wednesday said that 101 wells and 101 temples will be excavated in Lakkundi with the help of satellites. For this, the State Government has collaborated with the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), and a meeting was held on Wednesday with scientists and experts from NIAS. Since 2023, 70 monuments, including 32 temples, 28 wells, and seven other artefacts, have been discovered in Lakkundi. Efforts are on to unveil 101 wells and 101 temples in Lakkundi by December 31, he told reporters.

He further said that work is on to send a proposal to the Archaeology Survey of India and to UNESCO to include Lakkundi in the World Heritage Site list. The minister added that over 1,500 archaeological remains have been recovered since the first phase of the exploration. The second phase of exploration began on May 2, and around 1,800 archaeological relics have been found so far. Around 5,000 more are expected to be found by the end of June. Steps are being taken to protect and display them in an open-air museum, he said.

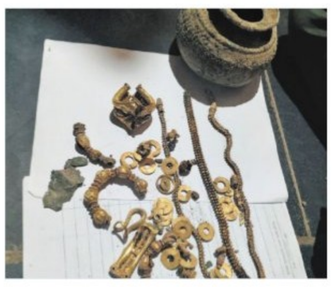
To give Lakkundi temples a new look, five temples and wells were unveiled in February 2026 and unveiling of 10 more wells and temples is underway, Patil said. The task of preserving six monuments has also been initiated at a cost of Rs 10 crore, he said and added that an action plan for protecting 10 more in the financial year 2026-27 is also being prepared.

Former ISRO chairman Kiran Kumar, said that it is necessary to include Lakkundi in the list of World Heritage Sites. He agreed to join hands in all efforts required for unveiling 101 temples and 101 wells using satellite technology.

Treasure worth ₹8cr in int'l market: HK Patil

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Gadag

Law and Tourism minister HK Patil on Wednesday said that the treasure found at Lakkundi is worth Rs eight crore as per antique value in international market. The treasure consists of 466 grams of rare old gold ornaments. The ornaments are about 600 years old, the minister said.



"The Commissioner of the Archaeological Department had formed a seven-member committee under the chairmanship of Gadag Deputy Commissioner and the committee has now given its report. The committee was told to determine the value of the treasure," he said.

The Ritti family members were felicitated as a family member, 15-year-old boy Prajwal, had handed over the treasure found while preparing the foundation for their house in Lakkundi in January.

Siddu Patil, State Committee Member, Lakkundi Heritage Area Development Authority said they have started archaeological exploration and collected many artifacts.

In a major relief to Aurad BJP MLA Prabhu Chavan, the Supreme Court has once again dismissed a petition that questioned his caste status and domicile, effectively upholding the earlier Karnataka High Court ruling in his favour. The petition alleged that Chavan was originally from Maharashtra and had obtained Scheduled Caste benefits in Karnataka by securing local resident documents

Youth killed in Mandya after bar brawl over 'boss' remark

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

A 29-year-old man, who had come to celebrate his pregnant wife's baby shower, was murdered in Mandya district on Tuesday night. The deceased has been identified as Sunil, a resident of Chunchanagahalli village in Maddur taluk.

The incident occurred near K Honnalagere village under the jurisdiction of Maddur police station. According to the police, Sunil had gone out with his friends to a bar. After the party, while leaving the bar, Sunil addressed the cashier as 'boss' and a verbal altercation broke out between Sunil and a group of youths from Ajjahalli over the remark.

Later in the night, while Sunil and his friends were travelling on a motorcycle, a group of assailants allegedly arrived in a car and attacked them. The attackers targeted only Sunil and assaulted him. He suffered severe injuries and died while being shifted to hospital.

Interestingly, the two others travelling with him escaped without injuries, raising further suspicion and prompting a detailed investigation. Mandya SP Dr VJ Shobharani inspected the murder site.

SLEIGHT OF HAND

3 thieves dupe jewellery store of gold worth Rs 3 cr

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Malleswaram police are on the hunt for three men who allegedly cheated a sales manager of a jewellery store and escaped with 1.8 kg of gold ornaments, worth Rs 3 crore. The accused allegedly convinced the manager to carry different jewellery pieces to their office under the pretext of purchasing them wholesale.

The complainant, Mahendra Kumar D Jain, has been working as a sales manager at Mehwa Gold Pvt Ltd at Nagarathpet for the past six years. On May 16, the showroom manager told him to meet a person named Paresh Soni, who runs Mahi Enterprises on Sampige Road in Malleswaram and had expressed interest in purchasing gold jewellery from their shop.

Kumar, along with another employee named Prakash, carried around 3kg of gold jewellery in a bag from their office to Soni's office. There, they were introduced to two other men, identified as Shyam and Chandrashekhar Rao. After selecting the jewellery, the remaining ornaments were returned to the complainant.

Soni then handed over the selected gold ornaments, weighing around 1.8 kg and consisting of various models and designs, to Chandrashekhar Rao, who was seated in an adjacent cabin. Soni told Rao to prepare a list and take photographs of the designs. But Rao allegedly took hold of the jewellery and fled from the office. Soon after, Shyam also left the office, claiming that he would bring Rao back, but he too did not return.

The complainant alleged that the accused had planned the theft by pretending to inspect and photograph the jewellery designs. The police said that a case has been registered and they are analysing CCTV footage.

Cauvery water in Kollegal lakes to aid city units

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

LARGE and Medium Industries Minister MB Patil on Wednesday said the state government has prepared a plan to enhance the storage capacity of Agara and Madduru lakes in Kollegal taluk of Chamarajanagar district to store Cauvery water for supply to industrial areas around Bengaluru.

The minister said the project would also benefit local farmers by enabling irrigation for two crops annually instead of the present single-crop system. In this connection, the minister held discussions with Kollegal MLA AR Krishnamurthy, who met him at Khanija Bhavan here, and clarified the concerns surrounding the project. He also directed officials to organise a meeting with farmers at the earliest.

He clarified that the project would utilise water allocated for industrial purposes by the Cauvery Water Tribunal and not water reserved for agriculture. Of the 4 tmcft earmarked for industries, 1.37 tmcft is already in use, while 2.5 tmcft from the remaining allocation is proposed for industrial supply.

According to the minister, water will be pumped directly from the Cauvery during monsoon months and stored in the lakes for use during the rest of the year. The storage capacities of Agara and Madduru lakes will be increased substantially without acquiring additional land by deepening the reservoirs.

Patil also said the Chikkahole and Suvarnamukhi lakes located downstream of these reservoirs would be developed. Water in these lakes too would be made available to farmers throughout the year.

SICASA holds GST 2.0 workshop for CA students

Bengaluru: The Southern India Chartered Accountants Students Association (SICASA), the students' association of the Bengaluru branch of the Southern India Regional Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (SIRC of ICAI), recently organised a workshop 'Glimpse of GST 2.0', focusing on recent developments and changes in the Goods and Services Tax regime. A large number of chartered accountancy students and aspiring professionals attended the workshop. The session began with a welcome address by CA Vinod Garg, Chairman of SICASA Bengaluru, who encouraged students to stay updated with the latest GST amendments and practical developments in taxation. The programme was inaugurated by CA Kavitha Paramesh, Chairperson of the Bengaluru Branch of ICAI of SIRC, who stressed the growing importance of GST knowledge in the accounting profession. Expert sessions were conducted by CA Akash and CA Alfred, who shared practical insights on GST compliance, recent amendments and emerging trends under GST 2.0. **ENS**

RIT students win national innovation contest

Bengaluru: Students of Ramaiah Institute of Technology (RIT) have won the 9th edition of TECHgium, a national-level innovation competition organised by L&T Technology Services (LTTS) at its Mysuru campus. The winning team included KR Nandeesh, Umang Kumar Prasad and Piyush Singh from the Mechanical Engineering department. The students were guided by faculty member Dr Jyothilakshmi R. Their project -- Next Gen Self-Charging Hybrid Scooter -- focused on sustainable urban mobility by redesigning a conventional 125cc scooter into a series hybrid electric powertrain system. The project integrated a high-efficiency Brushless DC motor functioning as an integrated starter generator with self-charging capability in both petrol and electric modes. The competition witnessed participation from more than 62,000 students representing 540 colleges across India. Gokula Education Foundation Chairman Dr MR Seetharam, Vice-Chairman MR Janakiram and RIT Director MR Sampangiram congratulated the students on their achievement. **ENS**

AxisCades Aerospace to invest ₹6kcr, seeks 200 acre in D'halli

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LARGE and Medium Scale Industries Minister MB Patil announced on Wednesday that Bengaluru-based AxisCades Aerospace Infrastructure Pvt Ltd would invest Rs 6,000 crore to set up an aerospace and defence facility in Devanahalli. The company has asked for a 200-acre land parcel and expressed its intent to construct a 1.8-km runway there.

"The primary objective of AxisCades Aerospace is to establish an integrated hub across 200 acres for manufacturing, testing and maintenance in aerospace, defence, semiconductor and Artificial Intelligence (AI) innovation sectors. The company also plans to set up a domestic research and development centre under global partnerships," Patil said.

He added that in response to the company's requests, he suggested airports at Hassan, Vijayapura and Shivamogga for consideration.

Representatives from the company, however, insisted on building the facility close to their Devanahalli unit, and Patil directed officials to identify suitable land where runway construction would also be feasible.

"The project is expected to generate 20,000 direct and 54,000 indirect jobs in the state. AxisCades also intends to develop aerospace and defence infrastructure, including missile sub systems, radar and sensor systems, and Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facilities for fighter aircraft.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large are hereby Informed that our client was the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and while registering the Absolute Sale Deed dated 18/05/2026 in favour of Mrs. P. SIVA SAI SRI W/o Mr. P. Naresh Kumar and Mr. PESINI NARESH KUMAR S/o Mr. Venkata Ramana Rao Pesini, it is noticed that the original document i.e.,

1. Executed by Mr. R. Munireddy, S/o Late Ramaiah Reddy, in respect of the Schedule Property, by virtue of a Sale Deed dated 16/01/2006, registered as Document No.BAS-1-12514/2005-06, Book-1, C.D. No.BASD205, was conveyed in favour of Mr.K.Govindappa, S/o Sri R. Krishna Reddy.
2. said Mr. K. Govindappa subsequently sold and conveyed in respect of the Schedule Property, by virtue of a Sale Deed dated 04/05/2007, registered as Document No.VRT-1-00688/2007-08, Book-1, C.D. No.VRTD3, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Varthur, Bangalore, in favour of Mr. R. Manjunath, S/o Ramareddy M.
3. said Mr. R. Manjunath thereafter sold and conveyed in respect of the Schedule Property, by way of a Sale Deed dated 18/06/2007, registered as Document No.VRT-1-01434/2007-08, Book-1, C.D. No.VRTD5, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Varthur, Bangalore, in favour of Mrs. Prathima D, W/o Mr. Murali B.
4. Notarized GPA with respect of property bearing House List No.29 and 30, Khata No.116/1A, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 square feet, executed by Mrs. Ancy Stephen W/o Mr. Stephen Simon Vattadikunnel in favour of Mr. Stephen Simon Vattadikunnel S/o Mr. N. J. Simon, have been misplaced/lost by our client.

Therefore, Public at Large are hereby requested to handover the said original documents to our client if traced or found by them.

: SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF the immovable residential property bearing **Site (Old House List) No.29, Bengaluru East City Corporation (BECC) E-Aasthi E.P.I.D No.7605510368, BBMP Khata Sl. No.888, Old Khata No.116/1A,** situated at Munnekolalu Village, VarthurHobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bangalore District, previously come within the limits of Mahadevapura Municipal Council, Later comes under BBMP Limits, at presently comes under administration Jurisdiction of the GBA/Bengaluru East City Corporation, Bengaluru, **measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South 30 Feet, in all totally measuring 1200 Square Feet,** with all the rights, approaches and appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above surface and bounded on: East by : Private Property; West by: House List/Site No.30;North by: Private Property;South by: Road:

M.G.C.& Co., Advocates and Solicitors
No.66, 4th Cross, Xavier Layout, Bangalore - 560047
Mob : 9844152556, E-Mail - mgcnco@hotmail.com

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Shiggaon Lift Irrigation Division, K.C.D. Circle, Behind Ganapati Temple, Dasanakoppa Main Road , Dharwad-580 001.
E-mail id: eesliddwd@gmail.com Ph No. 0836-2461218

No.KNNL/SLID/DWD/PB/13TFS/2701-O & M/Tender/2026-27/125
Date: 20-05-2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH "KPPP Portal" ONLY

On behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru , Percentage tender is invited in single cover system from eligible tenderers by the undersigned, for the work of Operation & Maintenance of 13 MI tank filling comingunder Shiggaon LIS including Pump house, MS raising main pipe line, Delivery Chambers,1.1/0.433Kv electrical Sub-station Halebankapur with MS/HDPE pipeline control valve,Air valve,Panel room,11 KV HT line for one year on turnkey basis (Tender amount **Rs. 15.89Lakhs**) under head of A/c 2701- M & MI –Shiggaon LIS through KPPP portal of Government of Karnataka. The blank tender documents can be obtained through website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **22/05/2026 @ 11.00 A.M.** onwards and the completed e-tendering documents can be submitted up to **08/06/2026 @ 4.00 P.M**. The bid will be opened on **09/06/2026 @ 4.00 P.M**. The

Any Addendum/Corrigendum shall be published in the KPPP portal only. The undersigned reserves the right to postpone, accepts, and reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Sd/- (Manjunath B.)
Executive Engineer,
KNNL, SLI DIVISION, DHARWAD.

DIPR/DWD/212/2026-27/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN No: U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP portal only) (Two Cover System)

Bids in two covers are invited through "e" Procurement Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar work for the following works.

BHADRA GENERATING STATION

1) No.: KPCL/2026-27/PS/WORK_INDENT4148 Dtd: 16.05.2026: Design, manufacture, Supply, Erection, testing and Commissioning of 11kV KIOSK consisting of 1 incomer, 2 outgoing feeders cubicles supplied with 11kV Vacuum circuit breakers, CTs, VTs, protective relays and multi-function meter, etc., complete including dismantling of the existing equipment at Bhadra Generating Station. EMD: **Rs. 35,950/-** Last Date & Time for submission of tenders:**30.05.2026 upto 16:30 Hrs.** Further details can be had from office of the **Executive Engineer(O&M)Bhadra,** Bhadra Generating Station, KPCL, B.R. Project-577115, Bhadravathi Tq., Shimoga Dist.

GHATAPRABHA DAM POWER HOUSE

2) No.:KPCL/2026-27/PS/WORK_INDENT4167 Dtd: 15.05.2026: Routine Testing of 110KV Switchyard equipment at GDPH. Last Date & Time for submission of tenders:**05.06.2026 upto 17:30 Hrs.** Further details can be had from office of the **Executive Engineer(O&M)GDPH,** KPCL, Hidkal Dam-591107. Belagavi Dist. Mobile:9480381347, e-mail:eeegdphkpcl@gmail.com

SHIVA HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT

3) No.:KPCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT4135: Jungle Clearance in the colony, hill slope area along power channel at Shiva and Shimsha and clearing of floating weeds from Shimsha head gate to F-point. Amount put to tender : **Rs. 19.35 lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 48,386/-** Contract period : **9 months.** Last Date & Time for submission of tenders: **22.05.2026 upto 17:30 Hrs.** Further details can be had from office of the **Executive Engineer(C),** KPCL, Shivasamudram Colony, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya District.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
PALAKKAD DIVISION
Sr. Divisional Engineer / Co-ordination / Southern Railway / Palakkad invites E - TENDERS for the following works.
E - TENDER NOTICE No. PGT/OT/10/2026 dated 19/05/2026

Sl. NO	Name of work	Approximate Cash value in (₹) lakhs	Bid Sccurity Amount (₹)	Tender closing date on 15.00 hrs	Completion Period in Months
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Divisional Engineer / East Juridistiction - Proposed Standardization of Level Crossing - 30 LCs & overhauling of LCs for a period of Two years.	955.06	19,10,100/-	18/06/2026	Twenty Four
2	Palakkad division-Provision of new standard height gauge at Limited Use Subways / Road under bridges (16 nos).	200.63	4,01,300/-	18/06/2026	Twelve
3	Construction of boundary wall (15.90 km) at various station yards & colony in Palakkad Division.	1615.63	32,31,300/-	18/06/2026	Twenty Four
4	Palakkad division : Yard improvement works : Walayar : Proposed TTR for forced layout correction for P&C No. 58A, 58 B and Trap No. 108 with new 1 in 16, 1 in 8.5 and trap in order to reduce the turnover curveture from 8 degree to 6 degree.	96.86	1,93,700/-	18/06/2026	Eighteen
5	Palakkad - Augmentation of Officers Rest House (ORH) Bhairavi at Palakkad.	77.34	1,54,700/-	10/06/2026	Ten
6	Improvements to power supply arrangements by provision of SMPS based IPS with Building at CLMD station of Palakkad division; Provision of SMPS based IPS with Building at Chullimada (CLMD) station of Palakkad division based on Drg No. DYCECNMAQ/08-2024	50.86	1,01,700/-	10/06/2026	Six

1. All the contracts on Works / goods / services will be subject to the new GST Act as applicable from time to time.
2. Contractors / Suppliers have to register themselves with GST authorities and to furnish the GST registration number in order to process the bills from 01.7.2017 onwards.
3. For complete details of the above tenders please visit Web site "http://www.ireps.gov.in".

Note: It is the responsibility of the Tenderer to check any corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in website; the same shall be taken in to account while submitting Tender.

Sr. Divisional Engineer / Co-ord / Southern Railway / Palakkad
(For and on behalf of the President of India)

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CITY MUNCIPAL COUNCIL HAVERI
Dist: Haveri State: Karnataka
Website : www.havericity.mrc.gov.in
E-mail : itstaff_ulb_haveri@yahoo.com
Phone : 08375–232444 Janahita Help Line :080-23108108
REF No.:CMCH/CIVIL/CR- /2026-27 Date:19-05-2026

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

The Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Haveri (Civil Works) invites tenders in Amruth Nirmal 2.0 Scheme of **Rs.365.00lakh**s "Water body rejuvenation of akkamahadevi bonda in haveri City Municipal Council from register eligible Contractors as follows Tender documents may be downloaded from the **kppp-procurement portal, karnataka.gov.in** Tenders must be electronically submitted (online, through e-procurement portal) The calander of tender events are as follows.

Last date fo Online aubmission Tender:	**10-06-2026**
Last date fo Opening of Tender:	**11-06-2026**

Sl. No	Brief Description	Estimate cost in lakhs	EMD (in Rupees)	Work Completion
1	"Water body rejuvenation of akkamahadevi bonda in haveri city Muncipal Council under amrut-2.0	365.00	Rs.439000/-	06 months

Sd/- Muncipal Commissioner
CMC, Haveri.
DIPR/Haveri/109/DeshpandePublicity/2026-27

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas :
The undersigned being the **Authorized Officer of the Canara Bank** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a **Demand Notice Dated 19.09.2025,** calling upon the borrower **(1.) M/s Shineyu Engineering Technologies Pvt. Ltd.** Having its Registered Office at : No. A09, HMT Industrial Estate, Jalahalli,Bengaluru – 560013, **Represented by its Directors (2.) Mr.Kaustubha S S/o. Sathyanarayana M,** No.18, Swastida, 3rd Floor, Renaissance HVV Valley LO JB, Bengaluru - 560015. (3.) Mr. Jagadish S/o. Varadaraju, No. 11, APP Layout, Kathriguppe, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru - 560085 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice of **Rs. 2,98,88,525.16 (Rupees Two Crore Ninty Eight Lakhs Eighty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty-Five and Sixteen Paisa Only)** and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on thiss **19th day of May 2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank ARM -II Branch for an amount of Rs. 3,14,38,205.54 (Rupees Three Crore Fourteen Lakhs Thirty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Five and Fifty-Four Paisa Only) as on 18.05.2026** plus interest and other charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSETS

Sl. No.	Immovable	Name of the Title holder
1.	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No. 36, BBMP Old Khatha No. 389/1/2/36, New Khata No. 389/1/2/36, New EPI ID – 6686784864, Situated at Singapura Village, Vidyaranyapura II Division,Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bangalore, Now comes under jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 11, Bangalore, Measuring : East to West : 40 Feet, North to South : 30 Feet in All Measuring 1200 Square Feet and bounded on the :- **East by :** 25 Feet Road, **West by :** Property bearing Site No. 35, **North by :** Property bearing Site No. 37, **South by :** 30 Feet Road.	**Mr. Kaustubha S S/o Sathya narayana M**

Note : It is hereby informed that our earlier Possession Notice dated 19.11.2025 is withdrawn.
Date : 19.05.2026 | Place : Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Canara Bank**

MAHILA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.
A.O. No. 14, South End Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 560020.

DEMAND NOTICE

UNDER SUB SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS & ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002. { HEREINAFTER CALLED "ACT"}

At your request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned firms/individual(s) companies against secured assets through its branches stated below. The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement/ documents & creation of mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds are also furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular the debt has been classified as **Non Performing Asset (NPA)** in accordance with the directives / guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by the speed post / Registered AD calling upon you, was un-served / not acknowledged, therefore this notice is now issued / published.

Name and Address of the Borrowers:
Smt. Shashikala, W/o S Raja Ganesh, No.20, Near Devaiah Hospital and Ganesha Temple, 18th Cross, Bhuvaneshwarinagara, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560023.
Description of the scheduled Property:
Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Eastern portion of Corporation No.9/1 registered in E- PID No.4662217883, Old PID No.32-26-9/1, Mariyappanapalya, Kempapura Agrahara Dhakhale, Presently situated at 18th Cross, Bhuvaneshwarinagara, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No.122(Old No.31), Bengaluru. **Meeasuring** East to West 15'-0 fts and North to South 82'-0 fts, having a total extent of 1230 square feets and **bounded on the: East by**: Property of Siddoji Raon, **West by**: Western portion of Property No.9/1-1 of Shashikala, **North by**: Conservency Road, **South by** : Road
Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Western portion of Corporation No.9/1-1 registered in E-PID No.1992137308, Old PID No.32-26-9/1-1, Mariyappanapalya, Kempapura Agrahara Dhakhale, Presently situated at 18th Cross, Bhuvaneshwarinagara, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No.122(Old No.31), Bengaluru. **Meeasuring** East to West 15'-0 fts and North to South 82'-0 fts, having a total extent of 1230 square feets and **bounded on the: East by** : Passage and Eastern portion of Property No.9/1 belongs to Shashikala(Item No.1), **West by**: Property Belongs to Keerthi Honnasiddappa, **North by** : Conservency Road, **South by**: Road.
A/c No. IPL EMI-308 – Amount Due: Rs.83,56,831/-
NPA Date: 09.04.2026 as on 19.05.2026 Plus Principal, Interest & Other Expenses. **Demand Notice Date: 19.05.2026**

Loan Type & Loan Account No.	Loan Sanction Date & Amount	NPA Date	Principle	Penal Interest & Other	Total Amount Due
Mortgage Loan IPL EMI-308	09.05.2025 Rs.80,00,000/-	09.04.2026	Rs.78,17,459/-	Rs.5,39,372/-	Rs.83,56,831/-

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4) of the section (13) of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of subsection 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining prior written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's rights to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under the applicable Provision of Law.

Date : 21.05.2026
Place: Bangalore
Sd/-Authorized Officer
Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd. Bangalore.

A man was duped of Rs 2 lakh by a fraudster in a stock market investment scam. An unknown person contacted the victim with the promise of high returns on investment and persuaded the victim to transfer Rs 2 lakh. The fraudsters neither returned the money nor paid the promised interest. A case has been registered at Karkala Town Police Station

Higher edu curricula in state under review

Two other sub-committees will give suggestions on convocation protocol and common dress code

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THE Karnataka government issued orders on Tuesday establishing three sub-committees to improve the state's higher education, including one to revise the curricula at the state's public universities.

The two other sub-committees will review and recommend on convocation protocol and common dress code, and the conferments of honorary doctorates respectively. The sub-committees have been directed to submit their reports at the earliest.

The development follows a meeting chaired by Governor Thawarchand Gehlot in February, involving the vice chancellors of the state's public universities, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and Higher Education Minister MC Sudhakar. For the sub-committee overseeing university curricula, former vice chancellor of Bangalore University Prof B Thimmegowda has been appointed as the chairman; former vice chancellor of Maharaja Chhatrasal Bundelkhand University (Chhatrapur) Dr Prof TR Thapak and vice chancellor of Mangalore University Dr PL Dharma will act as members, and executive director of Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) (Bengaluru) Dr KG Chandrashekar will act as the convenors of all the three sub-committees.

The three sub-committees have been directed to conduct a thorough examination in their respective areas, consult the universities of the state and submit a report to the government immediately. All necessary expenses will be paid as per the rules and regulations of the Finance Department, from the funds available in the KSHEC. KSHEC will also provide accommodation to the members.

Convocation Protocol and Common Dress Code Committee

Chairman: Dr Ambalike Hiriyanna, former vice chancellor, Janapada University

Member: Prof TR Thapak, former vice chancellor, Maharaja Chhatrasal Bundelkhand University, Chhatrapur

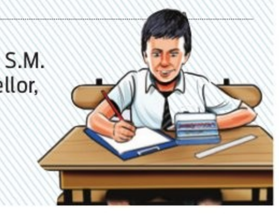
Member: Dr A Murigeppa, former vice chancellor, Kannada University

Common Honorary Doctorate Committee

Chairman: Dr TD Kemparaju, former vice chancellor, Bangalore North University

Member: Prof TR Thapak, former vice chancellor, Maharaja Chhatrasal Bundelkhand University, Chhatrapur

Member: Dr Jayakara S.M. Vice Chancellor, Bangalore University



A medical store shut during the nationwide pharmacy bandh, on Shivaji Road in Bengaluru on Wednesday | VINOD KUMAR T

70–80% PHARMACIES REMAINED OPEN

PHARMA BANDH

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DESPITE a nationwide bandh call by pharmacy associations protesting against online medicine sales and abnormal discounting by e-pharmacy platforms, a majority of medical shops across Karnataka remained operational on Wednesday, according to the Karnataka Drugs Control Department.

Dr Umesh Shantharaj, Additional Drugs Controller, Karnataka, said around 70–80% of the state's nearly 44,000 medical sales establishments continued operations to ensure uninterrupted access to medicines and prevent hardship to patients. "Major chain stores remained open. Several pharmacies also wore black ribbons as symbolic support for the protest while continuing services," he said. The department said it had made extensive preparations ahead of the bandh after receiving prior information from pharmacy associations. Dr Shantharaj said the department's Commissioner K Srinivas, had directed district officers to monitor the situation and coordinate with local authorities. "He also wrote to all Superintendents of Police and Deputy Commissioners across the state to ensure there were no law-and-order issues and that patients did not face difficulties in obtaining medicines," Dr Shantharaj said.

Officials received only a few isolated complaints from people unable to locate open pharmacies, particularly in Belagavi. "Absolutely no untoward incidents happened today. Since 70–80% of shops were open, people did not face serious hardship," Dr Shantharaj added.

Meanwhile, pharmacy associations claimed the protest received widespread support across Karnataka. Ramesh Babu, secretary of the Bengaluru Pharma Retailers & Distributors Forum, said over 26,000 retail pharmacies participated in the bandh across the state. "In Bengaluru alone, around 2,800 shops remained closed. Rural districts saw nearly 95% participation," he said. However, hospital and emergency services were largely unaffected. According to Babu, more than 800 hospital and nursing home pharmacies in Bengaluru remained operational.

Protesters argued that online medicine sales could lead to misuse of old prescriptions and easy access to sedatives and habit-forming drugs without proper verification. Babu said the associations would wait for the government's response before deciding further action. He warned that if concerns remain unresolved within a month, they may begin an indefinite strike.

EXPRESS READ

No safari in open-air vehicles, says Khandre

BENGALURU: Forest, environment and ecology minister Eshwar B Khandre on Wednesday said open vehicles in safari are no longer allowed in the forests of Karnataka, including the five tiger reserves. He said no casualty in safaris has happened and to avoid any casualty all safety measures should be taken. The forest department officials have been directed to pay stringent attention to tourist safety. The canter vehicle must be closed with iron bar barricades and effective unbreakable glass coverings. Khandre added that directions have been issued to ensure an ambulance is stationed near all elephant camps for staffers and tourists. **ENS**

K'taka Bank posts record ₹1,310.5 cr profit

MANGALURU: Karnataka Bank has registered a record annual net profit of Rs 1,310.50 crore and an all-time high Aggregate Business at Rs 1,92,118.67 crores for FY 2025-26. The bank has proposed a dividend of 50% for approval at the forthcoming annual general meeting. Raghavendra S Bhat, Managing Director & CEO, said, "The bank reflects the strength of its resilient business model, focused growth strategy, and continued emphasis on operational efficiency." Bank's Aggregate Deposits stood at Rs 1,08,778.75 crores as on March 31, 2026, registering a QoQ growth of 4% from Rs 1,04,111.52 crores as on December 31, 2025, while the Bank's CASA Deposits grew by 11% QoQ to Rs 36,559.66 crores as on March 31, 2026, from Rs 32,828.70 crores as on December 31, 2025, registering a CASA Ratio 33.61% as on March 31, 2026, as against 31.53% as on December 31, 2025. Gross Advances stood at Rs 83,339.92 crores, registering QoQ growth of 8%, as against Rs 77,282.85 crores as on December 31, 2025. Bank's NIMs have improved from 2.92% for the quarter ended December 31, 2025, to 3.07% for the quarter ended March 31, 2026, thereby registering a 15bps QoQ increase. Bank's Net Profit for the quarter ended March 31, 2026, was Rs 408.19 crores as against Rs 290.79 crores for the quarter ended December 31, 2025, which is a 40% QoQ improvement. The full-year net profit for FY2025-26 was Rs 1,310.50 crores as against Rs 1,272.37 crores for FY24-25, recording a 3% YoY improvement. **ENS**

CH-3 studies reveal moon's secrets

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A team of scientists from the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on May 18 shared a report of the findings of the 'Hop' experiment conducted by the Vikram Lander of Chandrayaan-3 and the Chandra's Surface Thermophysical Experiment (ChaSTE) on the moon.

The researchers noted, "While we often call it lunar soil, the more apt term to be used is lunar regolith. The lunar regolith is actually shattered rock, tiny, jagged glass-like shards that are abrasive and cling to everything."

They also pointed out that the complex structure of regolith has unique geo-technical and thermophysical properties. They said the top 2-6 cm regolith is found to be highly cohesive or sticky and hyper-porous, which can act as a thermal blanket. This layer is crucial in the storage of water-ice molecules in the subsurface, and in selecting the sites for future scientific bases and habitat construction on the Moon.

The ISRO scientists said, "For an astronaut, this means the surface might feel like walking on dry flour, while just a few inches deeper. This is because, even at that small depth of a few centimetres, the bulk density changes from 750 to 1600 kg m^{-3}."

Understanding the thermal and physical properties of the moon's regolith is important from both scientific and technological angles. They said the thermophysical characteristics of the regolith hold clues to some questions, like how the moon manages the solar heat input, or how much it absorbs and how much it radiates back to space. The lander had conducted the Hop experiment on September 3, 2023, with a jump of around 50 cm, by utilising the residual propellant. In the ChaSTE, a sharp-tip, rod-shaped probe, with temperature sensors attached to its length and a heater at the tip, penetrated the moon's regolith.The hop manoeuvre allowed ChaSTE to analyse different locations and understand how the engine plume eroded the lunar surface. The list of critical finding included details pertaining to surface erosion and compaction, layered stratigraphy, geotechnical variability and twilight thermal profiles.

The teams noted details of the top 3cm of lunar loose dust, which was exposed when the lander's engine was fired during the Hop experiment. The report stated: "Moon's surface is not just one uniform pile of dust. By looking at the 'hop' site, the results suggested a distinct two-layer cake-like structure within the top few centimetres."

N.W.K.R.T.C., BAGALKOTE DIVISION, BAGALKOTE.

No/NWKT/BGK/TR/COMM/ 929 /26 Dt: 19-05-2026.

e-Tender Notification No: 02/2026
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Inviting e-tender applications for Commercial Establishments and Cleaning Contracts **(under "Pay & Use" system)** within the jurisdiction of Bagalkote Division Bus stands.

Interested parties may participate through the portal **kppp.karnataka.gov.in** within stipulated date and time as mentioned. For more details contact **No: 7760991762 & 7760991752.**

Last Date & Time for submission of tenders: 09-06-2026 at 05:30 PM

Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: 11-06-2026 at 11:00 AM

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E-TENDER FOR THE FOLLOWING WORKS ARE INVITED:-

NIT No.: CE(P)/WBSETCL/ 500 MVA Trf./26-27/01 Date: 21.05.2026.	Procurement of 400/220/33 kV, 500 MVA Auto Transformers. Bid documents can be downloaded from **21.05.2026, 03:00 P.M.** and bids shall be submitted (online) up to **04:00 P.M., 19.06.2026.**
NIT No.: CE(P)/WBSETCL/ 120kN Disc Insulator/26-27/02 Date: 21.05.2026	Procurement of Porcelain Disc Insulators. Bid documents can be downloaded from **21.05.2026, 12:00 Noon** and bids shall be submitted (online) up to **04:00 P.M., 19.06.2026.** ICA-T8123(3)/2026

Visit the following websites - www.wbtenders.gov.in, www.wbsetcl.in for details.

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(A Government of Odisha Undertaking)
Lifeline of Odisha
Regd. Office: OPTCL Tech Tower, Janpath, Saheed Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751007

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-Tender No.	Tender Description:	Estimated Cost
CGM (Tel)-02/2026-27	Bid invited from reputed manufacturers in two part bidding system for Supply, Installation and commissioning of 08 Nos of DTPC in 400kV Meramundali (B)-TTPS (NTPS) Link. **Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid: 16.06.2026 upto 12:45 PM.**	**Rs. 47,93,632/-**
SGM-SZ-BAM-02/2026-27	Painting of 220kV Jayanagar- Balimela DC line under EHT (O&M) Division, Jayanagar . **Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid: 09.06.2026 upto 12:00 Hrs.**	**Rs. 55,29,185/-**

Complete set of bidding documents are available at **www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** and **www.optcl.co.in**.

/optcl.odisha /optcl_odisha HIPR-14/2026-27

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE, AT BANGALURU RURAL
O.S .No. 1371/2025

BETWEEN : SMT. KRISHNA KUMARI .V W/o Jagadish Prasad Salvadi, Aged about 36 years, Residing at No. 16/1-2, New 2nd Cross, Old 3rd Cross, Nearby Govt. Junior School, Chinnanna Layout, Guddadahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, R.T. Nagar Post, Hebbala, Bangalore-32. ...PLAINTIFF

And: SRI JAGADISH PRASAD SALVADI, S/o S.T. Muneppa, Aged about 40 Years, residing at No. 16/1-2, New 2nd Cross, Old 3rd Cross, Chinnanna Layout, Guddadahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, R.T. Nagar Post, Hebbala, Bangalore-32.

Also residing at Flat No.D-0220, 2nd Floor, Tower-D, Brigade Bricklane, Thirumenahalli, Kogilu road, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore. ...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

SRI JAGADISH PRASAD SALVADI, S/o S.T. Muneppa, Aged about 40 Years, residing at No. 16/1-2, New 2nd Cross, Old 3rd Cross, Chinnanna Layout, Guddadahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, R.T. Nagar Post, Hebbala, Bangalore-32.

Also residing at Flat No.D-0220, 2nd Floor, Tower-D, Brigade Bricklane, Thirumenahalli, Kogilu road, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore.

WHEREAS the above named plaintiff has filed the above suit against defendant for relief of permanent injunction and other reliefs against the defendant in respect of suit schedule property. The defendants hereby directed to appear before the Hon'ble court personally or throwing pleader duly instructed on **dated : 06.07.2026 at about 11.00 A.M.** failing which petition will be heard and determined ex-parte.

SUIT SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that Residential apartment bearing No.D-220 in second floor of Tower 'D' of the project viz., "Brigade Bricklane" built in Schedule A property, measuring 635 sq.ft. of Carpet area 69 sq.ft of Balcony area and 318 sq.ft, of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use and totally measuring 1022 sq.ft., of saleable area approximately with right to use of one covered car parking space in the lower/upper basement level/ground level, situated at Thirumenahalli, Ward No.5 of Jakkur, Yelahanka Zone, Bangalore and bounded on :

East by: Lobby in 2nd floor in Tower-D of "Brigade Bricklane", **West by:** Open towards open space in Tower-D of "Brigade Bricklane", **North by:** Apartment No.C-217 in second floor in Tower-C of "Brigade Brickilane", **South by:** Apartment No.D-0219 in 2nd Floor in Tower-Dof "Brigade Bricklane".

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 15.05.2026.

By Order of the Court, Sheristedar, Prl. Civil Judge Court, Bengauru (R) Dist., Bengaluru

ADDRESS OF THE ADVOCATE :
Sri. H.V. Subramanya & Associates.,
No. 301, 3rd Floor, Kurubara Sangha Building, 1st Main, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Construction Organization, Ernakulam Jn

1.TENDER NOTICE No. 07-CE-CN-ERS-2026-OT Dated 15.05.2026
Name of work: Manual linking of track, assembling and insertion of points & crossings, supply and dumping of ballast, transportation of P.Way materials, welding of track, modification of track etc. for Mangalore Junction stage II & Final. Tender Value : Rs.645.07 Lakhs, Bid Security: Rs.1290200/- Completion Period : 6 Months
Date & time of tender closing : 08.06.2026 15.00 hrs

2.TENDER NOTICE No. 10-CE-CN-ERS-2026-OT Dated 16.05.2026
Name of work: Shoranur-Mangaluru section: (1) Proposed re-construction of Br. No. 829 (2). Br. No. 904 (proposed UP line) (3) Br. No. 1085 (proposed DN line) (4) Br. No. 1177 (proposed DN line) & (5) Br. No. 1188 (proposed DN line) other miscellaneous works in Palakkad Division
Tender Value: Rs 9301.70 Lakhs, Bid Security: Rs .1,86,03,400/-
Completion Period : 18 Months Date & time of tender closing: 17.06.2026 15.00 hrs

3.TENDER NOTICE No. 11-CE-CN-ERS-2026-OT Dated 16.05.2026
Name of work: Shoranur-Mangaluru section: (1) Proposed re-construction of Br. No. 1138 (2).Br. No. 1149(proposed UP line) (3) Br. No. 1159 (proposed DN line) (4) Br. No. 1169 (proposed DN line) & (5) Br.No.1254 (proposed DN line) other miscellaneous works in Palakkad Division
Tender Value: Rs. 9686.90 Lakhs, Bid Security: Rs .1,93,73,800/-
Completion Period : 18 Months Date & time of tender closing: 17.06.2026 15.00 hr

Complete details and tender document will be available at https://www.ireps.gov.in

Chief Engineer / Construction Ernakulam Jn

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA
No.EE:PWD:CTA:AE-1,3:Tender-08:2026-27 Date: 19.05.2026

SHORTTERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from eligible registered Contractors in KPWD for the works pertaining to Chitradurga and Holalkere Taluk in Chitradurga District through KPPP Portal as per standard Tender documents rules as follows.
Head of Account:-4059-80-051-0-60-132 CMIDP Works
Estimated Cost:- Minimum Rs. 50.00 lakhs and Maximum 200.00 lakhs **No. of Works:-**14
Head of Account:-8443 Deposit Contribution
Estimated Cost:- Minimum Rs. 230.00 lakhs and Maximum 230.00 lakhs. **No. of Works:-**1
Tender dates for upto 200.00 lakhs works are as mentioned below:
Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 26-05-2026 Time: 16.00
Date & time for opening of Tenders 27-05-2026 Time: 16.15
Tender dates for Above 200.00 lakhs works are as mentioned below
Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 04-06-2026 Time: 16.00
Date & time for opening of Tenders 05-06-2026 Time: 16.15
Further details can be obtained from this office and helpline Numbers 91 9240214000 & 91 9240214001.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/ 106/2026-27

Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD, Chitradurga.

Government of Karnataka
Shivamogga Institute of Medical Sciences
An Autonomous Institute of Medical Sciences
Sagar Road, Shivamogga - 577 201
Ph: 08182 229933/ 264199, Fax: 08182 264100, www.sims.shimoga.com

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement)

No:SIMS/UC/Tender/2026-27 **Date: 18.05.2026**

Sl NO	Tender No. & Date	Name of the Item	Publish, Duration, End, Date and time.
1	No: SIMS/Tender/Radiology/ 1452964/2026-27 Dated 16/05/2026	Re-Tender for Tele reporting Service of CT & MRI Scans To Radiology Department Sims	From: 18-05-2026 to 02-06-2026 at 5.00 PM.
2	No: SIMS/Tender/Radiology/ 1452964/2026-27 Dated 16/05/2026	Re-Tender for the Supply of Equipment spares To Workshop Department Sims	From: 18-05-2026 to 02-06-2026 at 5.00 PM.
3	No: SIMS/MGPS/UC/2026-27/ 2094196 Dated 16/05/2026	Re-Tender for the Maintenance of Medical Gas pipeline Systems & Others to SIMS	From: 19-05-2026 to 03-06-2026 at 5.00 PM.
4	No: SIMS/U.C/Pest Control/2026-27 /2084429 Dated 16/05/2026	Re-Tender for the Pest Control Services At Teaching Mc. Gann Hospital SIMS Shivamogga	From: 19-05-2026 to 03-06-2026 at 5.00 PM.
5	No: SIMS/TNDR/Vehicle Parking /2026-27/1924377 Dated 16/05/2026	Re-Tender for Parking Service To SIMS Campus.	From: 19-05-2026 to 03-06-2026 at 5.00 PM.
6	No: SIMS/PRCU/TNDR/28/2026-27/ PSTR-SIMS-SMG/2169308 Dated 18/05/2026	Tender for the Purchase of Printing and Stationary Items To SIMS	From: 01-06-2026 to 15-06-2026 at 5.00 PM.
7	No: SIMS/ACE/MIS/13/2026-27/PSTR-SIMS-SMG Dated 18/05/2026	Tender for the Purchase of VRDL Consumables, Reagents Kits & Chemicals To SIMS	From: 27-06-2026 to 11-06-2026 at 5.00 PM.

Opening of all above Tenders can be obtained through e-procurement from the tendering website: http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/kppp Further bidders can take assistance with e-procurement help desk at: 080-25501216, 25501227

DIPR/SMG/No.81-05 zenkar/2026-27

Sd/- Director/Dean
Shivamogga Institute of Medical Sciences, Shivamogga.

CAUTION NOTICE

The General Public is hereby put to Notice that We, **Crochet Industries Pvt. Ltd., ("Plaintiff)** have filed a suit bearing Com. **O. S. No. 455** of 2026 before the Hon'ble Commercial Court, Bengaluru against **Banashankari Chemicals Pvt. Ltd, Sajjan Raj Shakala, Manjunath G** and **M/s. L. N. Breweries Pvt. Ltd ("Defendants")** in relation to, inter alia, the Brewing Unit of **M/s. L. N. Breweries Pvt. Ltd.,** described as under **("Schedule of Property")** which is currently in the possession of the Plaintiff:

Land totally admeasuring about 32319.47 Sq. Ft., i.e., about 8 acres of land located at Plot No. 16-Part, Badanaguppe-Kelamballi Industrial Area, comprised in **Sy. No. 516-P, 359/ 2-P, 359/ 1-P, 239/1-P, 240/ 1-P & 239/3-P** of Badanguppe and **Sy. No. 387-P** of Kellambalii, KIADB Industrial Area, within the village limits of Badanguppe, Kellamballi, Hobli Kasaba, Taluk Chamarajanagar, District Chamarajnagar, Karnataka.

Upon hearing the Plaintiffs the Hon'ble Court was pleased to pass orders):

a. Restraining the Defendants, their agents, servants, nominees, representatives or any persons claiming through or under them from in any manner interfering with, obstructing, disturbing, dispossessing or otherwise prejudicial affecting Plaintiff's peaceful possession, custody access to use, management and operational control of Schedule Property

b. Restraining Defendants, their agents, servants, nominees, representatives or any persons claiming through or under them from in any manner transferring, alienating, encumbering or creating third party rights in parting with possession of or otherwise dealing with shareholding of **M/s. L. N. Breweries Pvt. Ltd.,** its assets etc and Schedule Property and the brewery unit.

In light of the aforesaid proceedings and orders passed by the Hon'ble Court, the general public, financial institutions, prospective purchasers, any individuals or entities to whom the Defendants have offered to sell, investors, distributors, dealers and all other persons are hereby cautioned and advised not to enter into any transaction, arrangement, dealing or create any third-party rights whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property, the brewery unit, the assets of **M/s. L. N. Breweries Pvt. Ltd.,** or the shareholding and business interests which are the subject matter of the aforesaid proceedings.

Tarun Gurram-Advocate, Mob-9008421040
Precinct Legal No. 43, TNT Towers
Unit S-2, Infantry Road, Bengaluru-560001.
Place: Bangalore Date: 20.05.2026

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank | Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.
Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	N Krishna Raju/ Malathi Srinivasan/ TBBNG00007138175	Schedule 'A' Description of The Entire Property Property Bearing Sy No 136, Hebbal Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore Taluk, Totally Measuring 1 Acre 8 Guntas, Presently Falling To Jurisdiction of Devaraja Mohalla, Mysore City Corporation, Mysore. Bounded on East By: Hebbal Main Road West By: Property Belonging Smt Kalyanamma North By: Property Belonging To Smt Pushpaltha South By : Muda Property. Schedule 'B' (Description of The Undivided Share) Undivided Share, Right, Title And Interest And Ownership In All That Piece And Parcel of Property Morefully Mentioned Described In The Schedule 'A' Above Representing 350 Square Feet. Schedule - 'C' (Description of The Apartment) A Two Bedroom Apartment Bearing No. Iii F- 311 On The Third Floor In The Residential Complex Known As "Ieo Janani" Built At The Cost of The Purchasers on The Schedule 'A' Property Measuring 1149 Square Feet, of Super Built-up Area, With Vitrified Tile Flooring, R.C.C. Roofing, Wooden Flush Shutter Doors And Aluminum Sliding Windows, With Exclusive Right Use And Enjoy Row V- No.6 Covered Car Parking Space Including Proportionate Share In Common Areas Such As Passages, Lobbies, Lifts, Staircase And Other Areas of Common Use, Sketch Enclosed. Bounded By East By : Corridor & Stair Case Ii West By: Open To Sky North By: Flat No.312 South By : Flat No.310./ Date of Symbolic Possession on/ 18/05/2026.	10.02.2026 Rs. 35,88,447.00/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: May 21, 2026
Place: Bangalore & Mysore

Sincerely Authorised Officer For ICICI Bank Ltd.

More than 300 migrant labourers from Nellore district returned home on Wednesday after being rescued from bonded labour at four brick kilns in Nizamabad district, Telangana. Many had migrated from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu after being promised wages

TN CABINET EXPANSION TODAY, CONG IN MINISTRY AFTER 59 YRS

23 ministers from various parties likely to be inducted in Vijay's cabinet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

TAMIL Nadu will witness a multi-party ministry after nearly 75 years with 23 ministers from various parties are likely to be inducted into Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay's cabinet at a swearing-in ceremony to be held at 10 am in Lok Bhavan on Thursday. Nineteen MLAs from Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam, two from Indian National Congress, and one each from Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) and Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) are likely to be sworn in, sources said.

The cabinet expansion comes two weeks after Vijay and nine TVK ministers assumed office on May 10. The event may also mark the end of the DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance as most of the constituents will now be part of the new TVK government.

The TVK MLAs likely to be inducted into the cabinet include J Mohamed Parvez (Aranthangi), D Sarathkumar (Tambaram), R Kumar (Velachery), C Vijayalakshmi (Kumarapalayam) and B Rajkumar (Cuddalore), among others. Tamil Nadu can have a maximum of 35 ministers, including the CM.

Tamil Nadu CM C Joseph Vijay pays floral tributes to Dravidian icon Pandithar Ayothidhasar in Chennai on Wednesday

AICC general secretary KC Venugopal in a post on X on Wednesday evening announced the Congress high command's consent for the induction of party MLAs S Rajesh Kumar and P Vishwanathan in the TVK's council of ministers. "INC president Mallikarjun Kharge has approved the induction of Rajesh Kumar and Vishwanathan into the TN cabinet. This is a historic occasion as the Congress joins the TN cabinet after a gap of 59 years," Venugopal said in his post.

After an open invitation by TVK Minister Aadhav Arjuna to Congress, VCK, and IUML to join the cabinet earlier in the day, IUML national president KM Kader Mohideen on Wednesday said the party's Political Advisory Committee had given its approval to join the Vijay's cabinet. "A final decision would be taken at the Tamil Nadu high-level committee meeting to be held in Chennai at 11am on Thursday," he said.

Addressing reporters in Tiruchy, Mohideen said, "They (TVK) have given us a magnanimous invitation with goodwill to join the ministry. We neither expected it nor demanded ministerial positions." He reiterated that the IUML had extended unconditional support to the TVK government only to ensure political stability in Tamil Nadu and to prevent any possibility of BJP influence in the state.

PROTEST MODE

Congress MP M Anil Kumar Yadav rides a bullockcart as he takes out a protest rally along with party activists against hike in fuel prices in Hyderabad on Wednesday | PTI

2 elderly men trampled to death by tuskers

ANGUL (ODISHA): Two elderly men were trampled to death by tuskers in two incidents in Bantala and Angul Sadar forest ranges on Wednesday. The deceased were identified as Dhulia Dehury (72) of Madhupur village in Bantala and Bholeswar Pradhan (75) of Chandanpur Purunagarh in Angul Sadar range. Forest officials said the two men were killed after they ventured into forests early in the morning to collect mangoes. Angul RCCF Sanjay Kumar Swain said despite repeated warnings, villagers are venturing into the forest during early morning hours and losing their lives. ENS

Portfolio allocation: Win-win for VDS, KC

K S SREEJITH @T'Puram

ENDING days of uncertainty and political deadlock, Chief Minister V D Satheesan on Wednesday finally allocated portfolios to his cabinet colleagues, with both his camp and the K C Venugopal faction reaching a consensus and securing their key demands.

In a first for Kerala, a Dalit leader has been entrusted with the crucial Revenue portfolio, with Venugopal loyalist A P Anilkumar getting the post. Despite intense pressure, Satheesan succeeded in securing the Health and Devaswom portfolios for his lone cabinet supporter, K Muralidharan.

The CM retained 33 portfolios, including Finance, Lotteries, Ports, Law and General Administration.

"Venugopal continues to wield significant influence within the Congress legislature party (CLP). Apart from Deputy Speaker Shanimol Usman and ministers K Muralidharan and C P John, Satheesan is surrounded by Venugopal loyalists," said a senior Congress leader.

As expected Ramesh Chennithala was allotted the Home and Vigilance portfolios. Satheesan's loyalists within the UDF suffered setbacks in the portfolio tussle. C P John, who had sought Ports and Co-operation, had to settle for Motor Vehicles and Transport, while Shibu Baby John was given Forest and Wildlife instead of the Irrigation and Water Resources departments he had pushed for.

It was largely decided in the initial rounds itself that the Revenue portfolio would go to Anil Kumar, in line with the Venugopal camp's demand. However, after intervention from the Syro-Malabar Church, the leadership considered handing the portfolio to Sunny Joseph and offering Anil Kumar Ports along with Devaswom instead. The chief minister, however, refused to part with the Ports department.

As part of a last-minute arrangement, Anil Kumar was allotted Revenue and Sunny Joseph was assigned Electricity, Environment, Parliamentary Affairs and ANERT.

While M Liju was allocated Co-operation along with Excise, O J Janeesh received the Registration portfolio among other departments. Senior leader Bindu Krishna was given Labour and Animal Husbandry in addition to the Women and Child Welfare portfolio.

Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar congratulates G Sudhakaran, who took oath as pro-tem Speaker at Lok Bhavan in Thiruvananthapuram on Wednesday. Chief Minister VD Satheesan looks on | EXPRESS

FIR against MLC Vishwanath over ₹55 lakh loan dispute

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

AN FIR has been registered against MLC **H Vishwanath** at the Devaraja Police Station in Mysuru following allegations of assault and non-payment of Rs 55 lakh loan. The case was registered on the directives of a court after Congress leader Kotehundi Mahadevu filed a complaint against Vishwanath.

According to the complaint, the alleged incident took place at the Jaladarshini Guest House in Mysuru, where Mahadevu had gone to demand repayment of the loan. He accused Vishwanath of verbally abusing him in obscene language and physically assaulting him by hitting him on the head.

Mahadevu alleged that in 2013, when Vishwanath was serving as an MP, he had borrowed Rs 55 lakh through former minister MTB Nagaraj. The amount was reportedly given to Vishwanath and his son Amit Devarahatti as a loan with an assurance that it would be repaid.

Mahadevu, however, claimed that despite repeated requests, the money was never returned and that he had been harassed over the issue. He further stated that due to the financial burden, he had mortgaged his property and was now facing family disputes and legal issues related to the debt.

Initially, Mahadevu had filed an NCR (non-cognizable report) at the Devaraja police station. Later, he approached the court seeking legal intervention. Based on the court's order, the police have now registered an FIR against Vishwanath.

Mahadevu said Vishwanath had meted out injustice to him and challenged the MLC to swear before Goddess Chamundeshwari if the allegations were false. He told reporters in Mysuru that he had arranged Rs 35 lakh through Nagaraj and personally contributed Rs 12 lakh during the transaction, claiming Vishwanath's son was also present at the time.

Meanwhile, Vishwanath said the case against him is politically motivated and claimed that Yathindra Siddaramaiah, son of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, is behind the complaint and subsequent FIR.

Vishwanath told reporters that though the police issued him a notice regarding the complaint and he had already submitted a reply, an FIR was still registered with the intention of tarnishing his image.

Vishwanath said he will challenge the FIR in the Karnataka High Court and maintained that he had never borrowed money during his five decades of politics.

BENGALURU METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Traffic Commercial Department, 2nd Floor, Shanthinagar TTMC, K.H. Road,Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560 027.
No: BMTC/CO/TR/COM/1972/538/2026-27 Date: 20.05.2026
TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 06/2026-27
(Through e-Procurement Platform)
Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation invites bids from eligible persons/agencies for the displaying of Advertisement behind ETM Ticket Rolls through the e-procurement platform.

Pre-Bid meeting Date & time	25.05.2026 at 11:30 am	Place: CTM(C)'s Chamber, 2nd Floor, Central Offices, BMTC, Shanthinagar.
Last date for submission of bids		15.06.2026 up to 17:00 hrs.
Opening of Technical bids is on		16.06.2026 at 17:05 hrs.
Opening of Financial bids is on		To be Intimated later

Further, EMD amount, area and other details in this regard can be obtained in the e-procurement portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or by Contacting: **09240214000, 09240214001, 080-22483777 & 7760991222** or E-mail: **ctmc@mybmtc.com.**
Sd/- Chief Traffic Manager (Com) (Tender Inviting Authority)

MORMUGAO PORT AUTHORITY
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
TENDER NOTICE
TENDER No.: GAD/WO/2-F/CANTEENS/2026/01& 02
Name of the works: 1) Tender for running of Main A.O. Building & Hospital Canteen at Mormugao Port Authority for a period of 3 years.
2) Tender for running of General Cargo Berth (GCB) Canteen- Inside Dock Area at Mormugao Port Authority for a period of 3 years".
Date of Publication of Tenders: From14.05.2026 to 04.06.2026 Last date of submission of Tenders : On 04.06.2026
Date of Opening of Tenders: On 04.06.2026
For further details : https://www.mptgoa.gov.in/& https://gem.gov.in/
Sd/-
(FA & CAO and Statutory Authority for GAD)
CBC 37225/11/0002/2627

PUBLIC NOTICE
The general public is hereby notified that, my clients, **SRI.GAUTHAM BALASA GURUNATH S/o Sri.B.K.Gurunath and his wife SMT.RATHI SURESH KUMAR,** both residing at No.4, "RAAGA", 9th Main, Vasavi Temple Road, Srinagar, Bengaluru–560050, are the absolute owners of the residential property bearing **Municipal No.44 (BDA Site No.198),** PID No.53-9-44, Property No.198/44, E-PID No.1101710293, measuring East to West (44+45)/2 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1335 Sq.ft., with a residential building thereon, situated at **9th Main Road (21st Main Road), BSK 1st Stage, Srinagara, Bengaluru,** within the administrative jurisdiction of Bengaluru West City Corporation (formerly BBMP) Ward No.156- Srinagara (Said Property).
My clients have lost/misplaced the original documents pertaining to the Said Property, namely (i) Possession Memo bearing PR No.121/1969-70 dated 09/05/1969 (12/05/1965) issued by CITB to Smt.Shakuntala Balasundaram; (ii) Absolute Sale Deed dated 12/01/1996 executed by BDA in favour of Sri.Dinesh, registered as document No.3911/1995-96, in Book-1, Volume No.1961, at pages 70 to 72, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru; (iii) Absolute Sale Deed dated 03/11/2000 executed by Sri.Dinesh in favour of Smt.Shantha Gupta, registered as document No.3571/2000-01, in Book-1, Volume ADD-887, at pages 55 to 63, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru; (iv) Absolute Sale Deed dated 31/10/2002 executed by Smt.Shantha Gupta in favour of Sri.B.K.Gurunath S/o Sri.B.K.Gupta, registered as document No.3625/2002-03, in Book-1, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru; (v) Building plan bearing No.3074/2009-10 dated 09/03/2010 issued by the Assistant Director Town Planning (South Zone), BBMP and other related documents, concerning the Said Property. In this regard, my clients have lodged a police complaint on 20/05/2026 vide Lost Report No.2212291/2026 with the Bengaluru City Police.
Any person(s) who may be in possession of or come across the above-mentioned original documents is hereby requested to return the same to the undersigned. Suitable reward will be given.
Any person having any claim, right, title, interest, or objection in respect of the Said Property is hereby required to notify the undersigned in writing within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which such claims, if any, shall be deemed to have been waived.
Sd/- **BAYYA REDDY. M,** Advocate
No.101, 4th Floor, Sri Manjunatha Complex,
Opp: Banashankari BDA Complex, BSK 2nd Stage,
Bengaluru-560070

अधीक्षण अभियंता जल संसाधन वृत, जयपुर
क्रमांक :- 484 ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 01/2026-27 दिनांक :-13/05/2026
UBN No.:- WRD2627WSOB00101 **NIB Code No.:-** WRD2627A00491
राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से कार्य **Renovation of Kayamsar Talab Village Kayamsar GP Dhanuri PS Alsisar District Jhunjhunu** जिसकी अनुमानित लागत **203.09 लाख** है। वित्त विभाग के नवीन नियमों के तहत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत संवेदकों से ई-निविदा के माध्यम से ई-प्रोक्यूमेन्ट प्रक्रिया हेतु आनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा दिनांक 14.05.2026 प्रातः 9.30 से दिनांक 04.06.2026 को 6.00 बजे तक डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड की जा सकती है। निविदा की वित्तीय बिड दिनांक 05.06.2026 को दोपहर 3.00 बजे खोली जावेगी । निविदा से संबंधित विवरण संबंधित वेबसाईट www.waterresources.rajasthan.gov.in, http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in से देखी जा सकती है।
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जल संसाधन वृत, जयपुर
DIPR/C/8622/2026

BANNERGHATTA BIOLOGICAL PARK
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
BANNERGHATTA BIOLOGICAL PARK, BENGALURU - 83.
Phone: 080-29776466 / 29776467 E-mail: ed@bannerughattabiopark.org
No: A3/BBP/Tender/Civil Works/CR-01/2026-27 Date: 16-05-2026
TENDER NOTIFICATION
The Deputy Director, Bannerghatta Biological Park, Bengaluru herein after referred as Tender Inviting Authority, has invited e-Tender from the eligible PWD / CPWD Contractors for **Carryout Civil Development Works at Bannerghatta Biological Park.**
Detailed tender documents may be downloaded from the Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 16-05-2026 onwards.** Last Date for Tender Queries and Clarifications: **27-05-2026.** Last Date for Tenders may be Submitted along with the prescribed EMD and Tender Fees electronically in e-Portal: **28-05-2026 upto 4.00 PM.** Date of Opening of Tender: **30-05-2026 at 11.30 AM.**
Sd/-
Deputy Director
DIPR/CP/746/Adverto/2026-27

SBM BANK (INDIA) LTD.,
19th Floor, URMI Estate,95, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Opposite Peninsula Business Park, Lower Parel West, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400013,
E: nitin.garg@sbmbank.co.in, www.sbmbank.co.in
POSSESSION NOTICE
Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)
A/c No. 20062300593310
WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the SBM Bank (INDIA) Limited, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice dated **11.03.2026** calling upon the borrowers: **1.Mr. Jayanth B** S/o. Late. Basavaraju, **2. Mrs. Pramila S D** W/o. Late. Basavaraju, **3. M/s. J. S. Trends Proprietor: Mr. Jayanth B , 4. Mrs. Yamuna B and 5. Mrs. Hemalatha B** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **Rs.43,02,594/-** (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Two Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Four Only) as on 11.03.2026 + applicable future interest and charges thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on **18.05.2026.**
The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the SBM Bank (India) Limited for an amount of **Rs.43,02,594/-** (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Two Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Four Only) as on 11.03.2026 and interest + expenses thereon.
The borrower's/ mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the for the residential property bearing Site No. 50, Sy. No. 9, situated at Gerahalli Village now BBMP limits called as Srinivasnagar, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore -560 085, measuring East to West 30 ft, and North to South 40 ft, in all measuring 1200 Sq. ft., or 111.48 sq. meters with structure thereon and bounded on: **East by**: Site No. 49, **West by**: Site No. 51, **North by**: Site No. 35 and **South by**: Road.
Sd/-
Authorized Officer
Place: Bangalore
Date: 18.05.2026
SBM Bank (India) Ltd.,

PUBLIC NOTICE
FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY
NOTICE is hereby given that my Client **G. Muniraju S/o. Giddappa purchase the land property, belonging into Sri Manohar. C.S. S/o. K. Nagaraja, and presently registered Agreement Holder of Raju. C. S/o. Chikkamuniyappa and others, more fully described in the Schedule below,** free from all encumbrances. Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said property, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the below mentioned his Counsel **RAMACHANDRA,** Office at No.108, 1st floor, Amar Tower, B.B. Naidu Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560 009, within 15 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the bearing land Sy No.119/1, old Sy No.119 land measuring 1 Acre, abutting 22 ft wide road in Sy No.82 to Sy No119 situated at Gyaradi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Sidlaghatta Taluk, Chikkaballapur District, and bounded on the East By : land belongs to B. N Ravi, West By: land belongs to Rathnamma, North By: land belongs to Muniyappa, and South By : Kaluve
RAMACHANDRA, Advocate
Office: No.108, 1st Floor, Amar Tower,
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Bengaluru-560064.
Mob: +91 9343760812
e-mail id : rcbadvblr@gmail.com,

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform general public that my clients are intending to purchase the schedule property from its owners (1) SRI.M KANTHARAJU Son of Late Motegowda, Aged about 49 years and (2) SMT.M VIDYA, Wife of M Kantaraju, Aged about 42 years, both are residing at No.22, Sri Ekadantha Nilaya, First Floor, Third Main West, Begur Main Road, Opp Aishwarya Bar & Restaurant, Hongasandra, BENGALURU – 560 068.
Any person, having any objections / claims on the schedule property and/or any objections in any manner whatsoever to the sale transaction, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such lawful claim with the undersigned within 07 (Seven) days hereof, failing which my clients will proceed to complete the registration formalities. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my clients
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the residential Property bearing New No.268/1307, Old BDA Site No.1307, in the layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore Within the limits of Bruhat Bangalroe Mahanagara Palike Ward No.175-Bommnahalli and Old PID No.175-W0280-12 and E-PID No.4949860020, situated at First Block, BTM layout, Fourth Statge, Bangalore, measures an extent of East to West 30 Feet and North to South 33 Feet, total measuring in all 990 Square Feet, along with 20 Squares RCC roofed built up area and bounded on the :
East By : Property bearing Site No.1308;
West By : Property bearing Site No.1306;
North By : Private Property;
South By : Cross Road;
MEASURING : East to West: 30ft..;
North to South : 33ft.;
In all ad measuring: 990 Sq.ft.;
Akki Manjunath Gowda K
Abhay G Magal
LEGALKRAFT PARTNERS
Advocates & Legal Consultants
No: 5/1/2, Fourth Shop Lane, Tata Silk Farm, Basavanagudi, BANGALORE-560004
Ph:9880003551 / 9743051326
Dt:20-05-2026

ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ,ರಾಯಚೂರು
(ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಗಂಜ್, ರಾಯಚೂರು–584102)
(.ಕಛೇರಿ: 235306 apmcrcr@gmail.com
ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ: ಕೃಉಮಾಸ/ರಾ/ವಾಕ್ರಿಯೋ/ 1654 /2026–27 ದಿನಾಂಕಃ 19–05–2026
ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
ರಾಯಚೂರು ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿಯ (1) ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಂ:02 ಸಿ.ಸಿ . ರಸ್ತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಆರ್.ಸಿ.ಸಿ ಚರಂಡಿಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ (2) ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಂ:06 ಬಿ.ಟಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಆರ್.ಸಿ.ಸಿ ಚರಂಡಿಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ (3) ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದ (i) 4ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆಯಿಂದ 4ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆಗೆ ಆರ್.ಸಿ.ಸಿ ಚರಂಡಿಯನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ. (ii) 4ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆಯಿಂದ 4ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡ ರಸ್ತೆಗೆ ಸಾಗುವ ರಸ್ತೆಯನ್ನು ಸಿ.ಸಿ.ರಸ್ತೆಯನ್ನಾಗಿ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸುವ ಟೆಂಡರಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.7,66,25,891–00 ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್) ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅಂದರೆ WWW.KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL(KPPP) ಜಾಲತಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ APMC/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT904 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.
ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯದಿಂದ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಃ 080–22485867 ಅಥವಾ 080–25501216ನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.
ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಸಹಿ/– ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು
ಕೃ.ಉ.ಮಾ.ಸ.ರಾಯಚೂರು. DIP/RCR/77KSMCA/79/2026-27 ಕೃ.ಉ.ಮಾ.ಸ.ರಾಯಚೂರು.

PIRAMAL FINANCE LIMITED (PFL)
Registered Office Address : Registered Office Address: Unit No.601, 6th Floor Piramal Amiti Building, Piramal Agastya Corporate Park , Kamani Junction, Opp Fire Station, LBS Marg, Kurla (West), Mumbai-400 070.
CIN: L65910MH1984PLC032639 , Web Side:- www.piramalfinance.com
DEMAND NOTICE
Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of **Piramal Finance Limited (PFL) (Formerly Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd.)** under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to **PFL**, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to **PFL** by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
(LC No. M0075912 of Bangalore Branch) SURESH BABU S (Borrower) R NETHRAVATHI (Co Borrower 1)	23-04-2026 (₹ 4959927 /-(₹ Forty Nine lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Seven Only) NPA (05-04-2026)	Propery Bearing Site No 2 Property No 95/2 Katha No 95/2 , BBMP Ward No 149 , Situated at Varthur Village , Varthur Hobli Bengalore East Taluk Bengalore 560087
(LC No. M0075912TU of Bangalore Branch) SURESH BABU S (Borrower) R NETHRAVATHI (Co Borrower 1)	23-04-2026 (₹ 127693 /-(₹ One lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Three Only) NPA (05-04-2026)	Propery Bearing Site No 2 Property No 95/2 Katha No 95/2 , BBMP Ward No 149 , Situated at Varthur Village , Varthur Hobli Bengalore East Taluk Bengalore 560087
(LC No. M0350417 of Bengaluru - Vasanth Nagar Branch) SURESH BABU S (Borrower) R NETHRAVATHI (Co Borrower 1)	23-04-2026 (₹ 5013101.72 /-(₹ Fifty lakh Thirteen Thousand One Hundred One Only and Seventy Two Paise) NPA (05-04-2026)	Propery Bearing Site No 2 Property No 95/2 Katha No 95/2 , BBMP Ward No 149 , Situated at Varthur Village , Varthur Hobli Bengalore East Taluk Bengalore 560087
(LC No. HLSA000DE8E2 of Bengaluru - Rajaji Nagar Branch) DILEEP MB (Borrower) Amrutha V (Co Borrower 1)	23-04-2026 (₹ 3333319 /-(₹ Thirty Three lakh Thirty Three Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen Only) NPA (05-04-2026)	All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Site No 184 Formed in Assessment No 42/45/47/48 Old khatha no 14 Present BBMP E-Pid no. 4633660266 Situated at Lingadheeranahalli Village Yeshwanthapura Hobli Bengalore North Taluk Bengalore and Prestly comes under the limits of BBMP Ward NO 40 Measuring East west 40 Feet and north to south 20 Feet Totally Measuring 800 sts together with all rights appurtenance Whatsoever whether underneth or above the surface
(LC No. HLSA000DE8E2IN of Bengaluru - Rajaji Nagar Branch) DILEEP MB (Borrower) Amrutha V (Co Borrower 1)	23-04-2026 (₹128614 /-(₹ One lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Fourteen Only) NPA (05-04-2026)	All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Site No 184 Formed in Assessment No 42/45/47/48 Old khatha no 14 Present BBMP E-Pid no. 4633660266 Situated at Lingadheeranahalli Village Yeshwanthapura Hobli Bengalore North Taluk Bengalore and Prestly comes under the limits of BBMP Ward NO 40 Measuring East west 40 Feet and north to south 20 Feet Totally Measuring 800 sts together with all rights appurtenance Whatsoever whether underneth or above the surface

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to **PFL** as aforesaid, **PFL** shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **PFL**. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.
DATE : 21.05.2026 **SD/-**
PLACE : BANGALORE-KARNATAKA **(AUTHORISED OFFICER), PIRAMAL FINANCE LIMITED**

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IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR PARENTS BEFORE SHIFTING POLICY FOR CHILDREN

THE proposal by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu to offer cash incentives for third and fourth children reflects growing concerns over declining fertility and an ageing population. The state's fertility rate has fallen to around 1.5, well below the replacement level of 2.1. The government has warned that nearly a quarter of its population could be aged 60 or older by 2047. Similar demographic anxieties are already visible in countries such as Japan and South Korea, where ageing populations and shrinking workforces are putting pressure on public finances and welfare systems.

The southern Indian states reached this stage earlier than much of India because they advanced faster in education, healthcare and social development. Better female literacy, lower infant mortality, stronger family planning and rapid urbanisation naturally reduced fertility rates in states such as Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. What was once celebrated as a development success now raises difficult economic and political questions. States with slower population growth also fear that future parliamentary delimitation could reduce their representation relative to the faster-growing northern states.

The issue of declining fertility surely deserves careful policy attention. Yet the proposed solution appears limited. A one-time payment of ₹30,000-40,000 is unlikely to persuade families to have more children when the long-term costs of education, healthcare, housing and childcare continue to rise sharply. Many young couples are choosing smaller families because of financial pressure, unstable jobs and demanding urban lifestyles. Even countries that spend far more on childbirth incentives have struggled to reverse falling fertility rates.

There is another concern that deserves greater attention. Pro-natalist politics often overlooks the disproportionate burden placed on women. Larger families usually mean more unpaid care work, career interruptions and greater maternal health pressures unless governments invest in childcare, public health and workplace flexibility. Policies that encourage childbirth without strengthening such support systems risk transferring the social and economic costs directly to women.

Demographic policy also requires coherence between state and national priorities. Any shift from promoting smaller families to encouraging higher birth rates cannot remain fragmented—it must emerge from national planning and long-term structural assessment. India still faces unemployment, pressure on natural resources and uneven development. The challenge, therefore, is not simply to encourage more births, but to create social and economic conditions in which families feel secure enough to raise children with dignity and opportunity.

ODISHA PARADOX: HIGH ON WORK INDEX, LOW ON WAGE

A recent SBI research report offers an interesting insight into the dichotomous nature of Odisha's labour market. Analysing the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey, the study reveals that the eastern state features in the same band as Karnataka and Tamil Nadu on the Work Quality Index. Such a placement on this index, which takes into account factors such as written job contracts, social security benefits and paid leave, reflects higher labour force participation and a more assured employment quality. Yet, Odisha also figures among the states with the highest incidence of minimum wage violations, with compliance at just 66 percent, placing it near the bottom between neighbouring Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand.

Much of this is attributed to the dominance of the agriculture sector, which engages a large section of the informal workforce, which is estimated at nearly 70 percent of the total. Women account for a larger share of this vulnerable workforce that faces weaker wage protection. The greater the dependence on itinerant labour, the higher the incidence of wage violations.

A comparison of minimum wages across states shows that Odisha has consistently lagged behind the likes of Gujarat, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Delhi. This also partly explains the high rate of migration from Odisha to these states. Viewed from a social perspective, women and workers from Dalit and other backward communities are more likely to be employed in the informal sector than others. The kind of work offered in the informal sector, along with its poor wage compliance and weak social security, also expose workers to exploitation. According to information tabled in the Odisha Assembly, more than 400 migrant workers from Odisha have died while working in other states over the last nine years. The figure possibly captures the scale of the problem only partially as reports of exploitation surface every year.

The solution lies in stronger labour enforcement and improved productivity. In the long run, more formal jobs in expanded manufacturing and services sectors may provide a sustainable remedy. Wage growth is often linked to industrial competitiveness, and Odisha still has considerable ground to cover compared to southern and western states. Nevertheless, the eastern state's continued focus on manufacturing, logistics, mining, seafood processing, textiles and construction has the potential to gradually alter the labour market dynamics.

QUICK TAKE

PLAY THE LONG GAME

IT'S not just north London that erupted in celebration on Tuesday as Arsenal won the English Premier League after 22 years. Street parties were held all over the world. The club counts the presidents of Rwanda, Kenya, Zambia and Gambia among its most prominent fans in Africa. In India, its celebrity fans include cricketers Rahul Dravid and Virender Sehwag as well as actor Ranveer Singh. Meanwhile, on Thursday, five clubs will have a chance to win the Indian Super League on the season's last match-day. When the league gets over, the Indian clubs would do well to learn from a couple of Arsenal's institutional approaches—sticking with a manager even under adversity and nurturing fan bases all over. Consequential measures that are rare in Indian football today.

The US's extension of relief for Russian oil purchases and hint of easing pressure on Iranian supplies may presage a new sanctions regime. It will take months to achieve pre-war supplies

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WITH the US-Iran conflict moving into its third month, an ominous suspense pervades global energy markets. The blockade of the Strait of Hormuz has halted the flow of a fifth of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas supplies, and triggered the largest energy disruption in history. With more than a billion barrels of oil already lost, the soaring benchmark crude prices are maintaining an extreme upward pressure on refined products like diesel and jet fuel, with a cross-sectoral effect. The shortage of sulphur (a by-product of crude oil and gas processing critical for fertiliser production) and loss of fertiliser shipments from the Persian Gulf could affect global food security. Stalled projects and job losses are inevitable as cost cutting becomes unavoidable. The economic pain is sure to prevail at all income levels.

Efforts to artificially stabilise markets and curtail inflation shocks prompted major oil consumers and the International Energy Agency—comprising 32 member, 13 association and six 'accession' countries—to initiate a historic release of strategic reserves. One of the criteria for the agency's membership is the "capability of contributing its share of an IEA collective action which would be initiated in response to a significant global oil supply disruption and would involve IEA member countries making additional volumes of crude and/or product available to the global market (either through increasing supply or reducing demand)". Out of the pledged release of 400 million barrels, 164 million barrels have already entered the global markets, according to the latest IEA report.

Saudi Aramco and Abu Dhabi National Oil Company bypassed the choked maritime route and partially mitigated the loss of supply through alternative overland pipelines. However, these supply measures proved insufficient in addressing price volatility. On the other hand, demand curtailment is only a temporary panacea as stockpiles are fast depleting and parleys between the combatants are failing to make headway.

Most developed and emerging economies hold strategic petroleum reserves (SPRs) to enhance energy security in periods of exigency. Japan and South Korea follow a public-private partnership for their SPRs, leasing underground storage facilities to domestic private refineries under mandate and foreign oil producers like ADNOC that maintain huge stocks with a right to export a portion of it with the host country having the first right of refusal. India partnered with ADNOC to store crude at two State-owned strategic underground facilities in India, with a third site under development with a total capacity of 30 million barrels when fully operational. At current demand, it translates to seven days of stocks, far below the 90-day benchmark set by the IEA. Yet, it lays a roadmap for future expansion and a PPP model.

The UAE's exit from Opec on May 1, in the midst of the Iran war, added complexity to an uncertain market. Though the fourth largest member's walkout initially fuelled a fear of group politics, a more sanguine picture has emerged since. Relieved of quota restrictions, as it aims to enhance production to 5 million barrels per day, Abu Dhabi has accelerated construction of a West-East Pipeline to Fujairah, bypassing the Strait of Hormuz. Slated to be operational by 2027, it shall double the Emirati oil export capacity and substantially slake Asia's thirst.

Meanwhile, Brazil has reported much larger volumes of crude exports to Asia during the present disruption. As mentioned in this column last November, with rising production volumes at the Tupi and Buzios offshore assets of Petrobras, the low-sulphur Brazilian-grade crude has captured a larger portion of the Asian markets. Despite freight constraints, its share in China's imports rose to 18 percent in April from less than 10 percent in January. On the back of well-negotiated prices, the Latin American medium-sweet crude has expanded its presence in the Indian energy mix, too. Besides State-owned refineries, Reliance remains a key buyer in the spot market for Brazilian crude and accounts for a major portion of Petrobras's oil shipments to Asia.

However, African sources such as Nigeria, Angola and Libya have provided limited succour to Europe and Asia. Despite holding the 11th largest reserves in the world, Nigeria's oil industry, with many small refineries, is vulnerable to several operational and security hurdles. The sector, which has historically battled under-investment, pipeline vandalism and poor turnaround maintenance, is prone to outages. However, the Lagos-based Dangote refinery, Africa's largest with a capacity to process 650,000 barrels a day, has significantly increased shipments of jet fuel and diesel to Europe to partially fill the supply gaps caused by the West Asian tensions.

Donald Trump's recent visit to Beijing emerged as Washington's diplomatic overture, suggestive of a meeting between two equals rather than a competition for global supremacy. With the grim energy situation in the background, and in a bid to pursue the G2 framework, Trump followed up on the discussions with Xi Jinping with a hint of easing sanctions on Chinese independent 'teapot' refineries that process Iranian crude. Hengli Petrochemical, China's second-largest teapot refinery, is considered to be one of Tehran's largest customers for crude, as per a US Treasury report.

Coming amid an escalating geopolitical showdown, the development is viewed as an effort to manage global oil dynamics as much as heralding a new phase in US sanctions policy. Could the move legitimise Iranian oil's continued presence in Asian markets and the 'shadow fleets' that facilitate such transits, as Washington woos Beijing to broker peace? It seems America is keen to segregate its business of war from the economics of oil by any means.

Given the current global shortage and China's continued oil trade with Russia, the US Treasury extended the Russian oil waiver a second time. The continued flow of Urals is expected to temporarily stabilise the crude market and provide renewed energy security to the two largest consumers, China and India. The move shall augment supply of sulphur and other oil derivatives, enabling a surge in fertiliser production.

Few analysts predict the war to end by early June. Markets absorb this with cautious optimism as it may take months of normalisation to touch pre-war volumes. While new sources of oil emerge and their durability remains restricted, a collective initiative of nouveau rentiers might just bail out the situation.

(Views are personal)

PRINCIPLES TO PROTECT PRINCIPAL

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Former Inspector General, CRPF; founder DIG, CoBRA special operations unit; in charge of close-proximity security of four Prime Ministers

IT is beyond dispute that the Prime Minister's decision to trim the size of his convoy of vehicles—as a followup to his austerity call to the nation—is politically astute in following the philosophy of setting personal examples in public life. But the big question is, can we ignore the implications of such a security compromise?

We need to remember the carnage that followed the assassination of Indira Gandhi on October 31, 1984. Thousands of innocent Indians were killed and incalculable damage was caused to properties across the country. Our robust democracy could survive one of its hardest tests, but anything could have happened had the downward spiral continued, including a collapse of our democratic institutions.

Can we take such a risk anymore? Are not the geopolitical challenges more pernicious and unpredictable than ever before? Can we under-estimate the nefarious designs of international players in destabilising a nation seen as steadily rising as a formidable economic and military power?

The Indian PM is one of the most highly-threatened dignitaries in the world. And dignitary with such a high threat perception is more vulnerable during movements by road. Route deployment, crowd control *en route* and anti-sabotage checks can, to a great extent, obviate the risks. But the planning must include contingencies needing offensive and defensive driving. The security in-charge at the ground level may have to manoeuvre the convoy to deal with a variety of operational and medical contingencies, cover the flanks of the main car and employ deception including the use of decoy cars. A lean motorcade severely restrains such tactical options.

Elaborate security measures and pompous cavalcades are rarely sought by democratic leaders, as such arrangements keep the public figure away from the public. They are aware that there is a political cost to such exclusions. It is here that the profundity of the security agencies' professionalism is put to test. While granting the legitimate rights of the PM in deciding the nature and extent of his own security—as, ultimately, his choice prevails—these agencies should be able to prevail upon their principal with professional firmness.

An unwieldy motorcade is equally fraught with danger. Evacuation, sudden and tactically-required diversion, or a getaway becomes more cumbersome with a long convoy. One of the golden principles of dignitary protection is to engage with assailants for the minimum duration of time, evacuate or get away with the protectee, and leave the advance covering party to deal with the contingency. An unwieldy convoy makes this process more complicated apart from making it vulnerable to compromise.

Therefore, it is very difficult to suggest an ideal number of vehicles. But the number can be considerably reduced by following measures. Trim the size of the entourage accompanying the PM.

AFP

It's difficult to suggest an ideal size for the PM's convoy. Though some pruning is possible, a very lean motorcade may severely restrain the tactical options available to the security team. Changes in the options put the security agencies' professionalism to test

Include only those functionally and operationally required. Reduce the presence of other dignitaries if certain protocols are revised. Ensure strict access control, anti-sabotage checks and effective traffic management—which can help reduce some of the security vehicles like the pilot and advance warning cars.

During routine movements in the capital, once the routes are thoroughly sanitised and secured, a reasonable pruning of cars can be done as no unchecked gathering is expected. Such reduction can also be considered while on unscheduled surprise travels, unless it doesn't follow a predictable pattern. The element of surprise should be to the advantage of security agencies.

A proposal for introducing electric vehicles is being mooted. The efficacy of such vehicles after bullet-proofing and other technical modifications is in doubt, apart from their inability to attain speed thresholds. Such a changeover could be considered several governmental fleets, but not the PM's convoy.

The PM's security is a priority in national interest irrespective of the person in power. Nefarious elements are always watching for vulnerabilities in our security protocols and planning to strike when the drills are weak. A loophole in any aspect enhances the vulnerability, as the dictum that the chain is as strong as its weakest cog is truly applicable in dignitary protection. Hence, the security umbrella of personal protection around the PM, especially when moving out, can't be allowed to be compromised, however ethically sound the austerity measures may sound.

Multiple measures of dignitary security such as advance deployment, anti-sabotage checks, route securing, flank cover of the main car and body cover to the principal are equally important and non-negotiable. It would not be advisable to reveal the entire gamut of VVIP security to the public—its nuances are best understood by professionals. Each security drill, however mundane it may appear, is significant and has a purpose.

A strict enforcement of the regulations at the alighting point in Sriperumbudur on May 21, 1991 could have saved the life of Rajiv Gandhi. This incident is worth mentioning because, even to this day, the security man is rebuked when trying to keep a reception line-up lean and manageable.

No price is too high for protection of the PM considering the catastrophic consequences and collateral losses impacting the whole country if something untoward happens. If foreign hands are perceived to be involved, as per our latest retaliatory doctrine, the sources of terror would not be spared. And this might trigger a conflict that the whole world comes to rue.

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Patriarchal mindset

Ref: *Dowry deaths* (May 20). The recent deaths of young women in Bhopal and elsewhere remind us how deeply the social evil remains embedded in our society. Police and courts must act faster on complaints. At the same time, sustained community awareness and school education on gender equality can help shift mindsets.
S P Suganya Devi, Coimbatore

Symbolic conservation

Ref: *Better heritage care* (May 20). Repatriated artefacts deserve proper custodianship. Returning of pieces might be a good start, but warehousing them in understaffed museums defeats the purpose. Governments must allocate funds for cataloguing, conservation and public display. Heritage can't be reclaimed symbolically while being neglected practically.
Abbharna Barathi, Chennai

Border infiltration

Ref: *A clear line at the border* (May 20). The author has put forth an unassailable account of infiltrations into Assam and West Bengal and the resultant antisocial and antinational activities. Vote-bank politics would ruin the nation. Illegal occupants must be shown the door.
G Nataraja Perumal, Tenkasi

Fuel volatility

Ref: *Petrol, diesel prices hiked* (May 20). As the election season departs, oil marketing companies are taking the consumers for a ride with back-to-back hikes in the prices. It's a pity that citizens are left in the lurch, vulnerable to the highly volatile mathematical calculus of these corporations.
T M Uday Shankar, Hyderabad

Balancing safety

Ref: *SC okays euthanasia* (May 20). The order balances public safety with animal welfare. It allows euthanasia only in rare cases of rabid or dangerous dogs after strict checks. Rabid dogs usually survive only 1-2 weeks after symptoms appear. The court has opted for a rational approach while critics still argue for humane policies.
R S Narula, Patiala

Trump's tactics

Ref: *'Hour away from Iran attacks'* (May 20). While Donald Trump's 'maximum pressure' tactic might hold some water, using the credible threat of imminent force seems like an effective diplomatic leverage tool. The US seems to want to stay away from military moves before diplomatic talks.
V K S Krishnan, Kumbakonam

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Sudhanshu Trivedi @SudhanshuTrived
The Congress's "eternally youthful and eternally restless leader" should publicly apologize to the country for his objectionable, unparliamentary statement.

No new hydroelectric projects for Upper Ganga basin, Centre tells SC

Three ministries file joint affidavit in top court for Alaknanda and Bhagirathi river systems

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE Centre has submitted an affidavit to the Supreme Court stating that it is not in favour of permitting any new hydroelectric projects in the Alaknanda and Bhagirathi river basins, apart from the existing seven projects that are either commissioned or in advanced stages of construction.

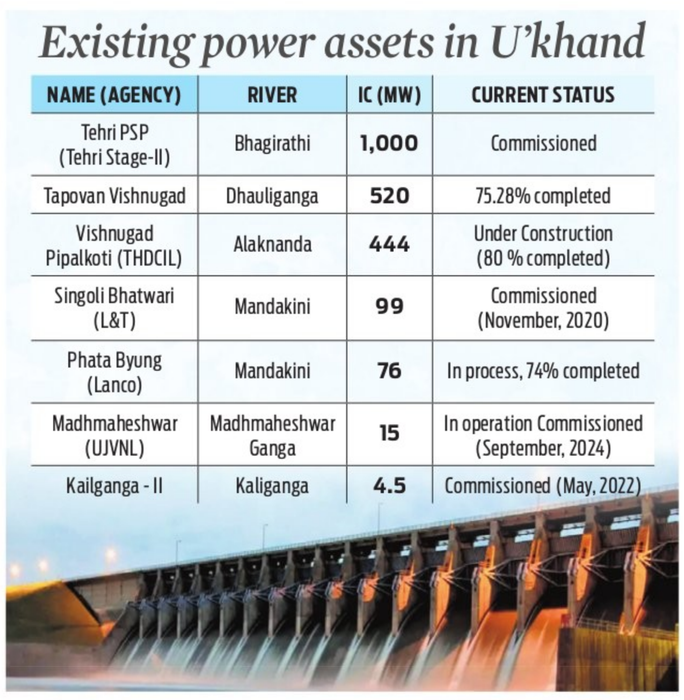
The Supreme Court has been examining this issue since the disastrous floods in Uttarakhand in 2013. Following recommendations from several committees to halt new projects, certain companies opposed the decision and filed petitions.

The joint affidavit was filed after a consensus was reached among Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Ministry of Power (MoP), and Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJ), in response to a notice issued by the top court on January 20, 2026.

The consensus decision was submitted to the Supreme Court along with reasons for limiting the number of hydropower projects. The government emphasised that additional hydropower projects could significantly increase the risk of floods, disrupt river flow, and undermine the river's spiritual significance.

Existing power assets in U'khand

NAME (AGENCY)	RIVER	IC (MW)	CURRENT STATUS
Tehri PSP (Tehri Stage-II)	Bhagirathi	1,000	Commissioned
Tapovan Vishnugad	Dhauliganga	520	75.28% completed
Vishnugad Pipalkoti (THDCIL)	Alaknanda	444	Under Construction (80 % completed)
Singoli Bhatwari (L&T)	Mandakini	99	Commissioned (November, 2020)
Phata Byung (Lanco)	Mandakini	76	In process, 74% completed
Madhmaheshwar (UJVNL)	Madhmaheshwar Ganga	15	In operation Commissioned (September, 2024)
Kailganga - II	Kaliganga	4.5	Commissioned (May, 2022)



In its submission, the government stated, "Only the following seven hydroelectric projects, of which four are already commissioned and three have achieved substantial physical and financial progress, may be permitted to proceed, subject to strict compliance with all applicable provisions and safeguards."

This decision comes in the context of an earlier 2015 decision approving 28 projects for the Alaknanda and Bhagirathi basins. However, in 2024, the Cabinet Secretary T V Das Committee recommended only five additional projects. Therefore, the current decision appears to contradict the government's earlier stance.

Govt to update master plans for NE river basins

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

UNION Jal Shakti Minister C R Patil on Wednesday chaired the 14th High-Powered Review Board meeting of the Brahmaputra Board with officials and stakeholders from north-eastern states, identifying 76 river basins and sub-basins for updated master plans. They will use modern technologies like GIS, LiDAR, remote sensing, and hydrological modelling to improve river basin management and flood planning.

Patil also launched the State Water Reforms Framework, a national initiative aimed at improving water governance in states and Union Territories. The framework contains 75 indicators divided into five areas, including policy and regulation, infrastructure, project monitoring, digitalisation, research, and community participation. States and Union Territories have been given seven months to submit responses on the reform indicators by January 31, 2027.

25 states allocate funds as G RAM G set for July launch

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AS the Centre prepares to launch the new rural employment guarantee scheme, VB-G RAM G, which will replace MGNREGA from July 1, 25 states have already allocated their share of funds for the programme, according to sources.

This was conveyed by the Union Rural Development Ministry with the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, which convened on Wednesday.

According to sources, Rohit Kansal, Secretary in the Rural Development Ministry, is learnt to have informed the committee that 25 states have allocated funds for the VB-G RAM G programme and that administrative and policy actions are underway. Under the new architecture, states share both cost and responsibility through a normative allocation framework.

The total estimated annual requirement of funds on wage, material, and administrative components is ₹1,51,282 crore, including the state share. Of this, the estimated central share is ₹95,692.31 crore.

This transition does not impose an undue financial burden on states, the officials said.

The funding structure is calibrated to state capacity, with a standard cost-sharing ratio of 60:40 between the Centre and states, enhanced support of 90:10 for the northeastern and Himalayan states, and 100% central funding for Union Territories without legislatures.

States were already bearing a share of material and administrative costs under the earlier framework, and the move to predictable normative allocations further supports sound budgeting, they said. Provisions for additional assistance to states during disasters and stronger oversight mechanisms also help reduce long-term losses arising from misappropriation.

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Beneficiary workers will be given new smart job cards in place of job cards issued under MGNREGA. The new cards will include face recognition to ensure transparency and accountability, the sources said.

The officials also briefed the panel on the steps taken to implement VB-G RAM G nationwide from July 1. The government has further clarified that fresh works can also be opened during the transition if ongoing works are insufficient to meet labour demand. The committee is headed by Congress MP Saptagiri Ulaka.

'No Ebola case, India prepared for challenge': Ministry reviews measures

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

EVEN as WHO warned that suspected cases and deaths due to Ebola may rise further, India on Wednesday said there is no reported case of the viral disease in the country so far.

Chairing a high-level review meeting to assess preparedness and response measures regarding Ebola Virus Disease (EVD), Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava advised states and UTs "to ensure readiness at all levels". India quickly swung into action after the World Health Organization (WHO) on Sunday declared an Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda a "public health emergency of international concern".

Officials said India remains fully vigilant and prepared to respond swiftly to any emerging situation. "India has already pressed into service proactive preventive measures and has also enhanced surveillance and preparedness," official sources said. "The government of India has proactively strengthened surveillance and preparedness measures across the country as an abundant precaution," they added.

During the meeting, the union health secretary said that detailed SOPs covering pre-arrival and post-arrival screening, quarantine protocols, case management, referral mechanisms, and laboratory testing have already been shared with all states and UTs.

SOPs shared with states

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"All concerned ministries and departments have also been sensitised and are undertaking appropriate preventive and surveillance measures in coordination with the Health Ministry," the officials said.

"India has prior experience in handling such situations effectively, including during the 2014 Ebola outbreak in Africa, when similar precautionary measures were implemented successfully," they added.

"Citizens are advised to not panic, while continuing to follow official advisories and updates issued by health authorities," the official added.

There have been 600 suspected cases of Ebola and 139 suspected deaths due to the outbreak, the WHO said on Wednesday. So far, 51 cases have been confirmed in Congo, which reported the first case, and two in Uganda.

WHO chief Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on Wednesday said that the outbreak of the Bundibugyo species of Ebola was likely to have started "a couple of months ago".

India, S Korea firm up defence cyber safety ties

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

INDIA and South Korea on Wednesday moved to widen defence cooperation into emerging technology and joint production, with New Delhi and Seoul looking to build on the K-9 Vajra artillery programme model in other defence sectors amid growing regional security tensions. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his South Korean counterpart Ahn Gyu-back held extensive talks in Seoul covering defence production, maritime security, logistics, military exchanges and emerging technologies.

According to the ministry, both sides "acknowledged the growing convergence between India's Act East policy and RoK's regional strategic vision" while reaffirming their commitment to a "free, open, inclusive and rule-based Indo-Pacific". The discussions come against the backdrop of China's growing military assertiveness in the Indo-Pacific and North Korea's continuing missile and nuclear activities, which have sharpened regional security concerns.

Three MoUs were also inked during the visit, covering cooperation in defence cyber security and training exchanges between India's National Defence College (NDC) and Korea National Defence University, as well as collaboration in UN peacekeeping operations, pointing to the expanding scope of bilateral defence ties.

Rajnath Singh with his South Korean counterpart Ahn Gyu-back, in Seoul | PTI

As per the statement, Singh met Lee Yong-chul, chief of South Korea's Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA), with the two sides agreeing to intensify cooperation in joint development, co-production and defence exports. KIND-X, which is the proposed India-Korea Defence Innovation Accelerator Ecosystem, also featured prominently in the discussions as the two countries look to integrate their defence innovation ecosystems and expand collaboration in emerging military technologies.

Furthermore, Singh chaired the India-Republic of Korea Defence Industry Business Round Table attended by senior officials and defence industry representatives from both countries, with discussions centred on defence manufacturing, co-development, co-production and supply-chain partnerships.

During the event, two agreements were signed between Larsen & Toubro and Hanwha Aerospace to deepen industrial cooperation, technology collaboration and capacity building, further reinforcing the K-9 Vajra-T programme as the cornerstone of India-South Korea defence-industrial ties.

Last month, MEA Secretary (East) P Kumaran had also indicated that India and South Korea were looking to deepen cooperation on the K-9 Vajra programme.

India, eastern neighbours start military exercise

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

A two-week military exercise involving 13 countries began at the Umroi Military Station in Meghalaya on Wednesday.

Apart from India, Bhutan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, the Philippines, the Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Vietnam are participating in the exercise "PRAGATI".

"PRAGATI is being conducted in the spirit of equality, friendship and mutual respect. The exercise provides a common platform for participating armies to engage in professional exchange, learn from one another's experiences and build closer military-to-military ties," a defence ministry statement said. The opening ceremony was attended by senior military officials and dignitaries.

In his address, Major General Sunil Sheoran, Additional Director General of Infantry, Indian Army, welcomed all contingents and highlighted the importance of collective engagement.

UP, Bihar lead in dowry death cases: NCRB data

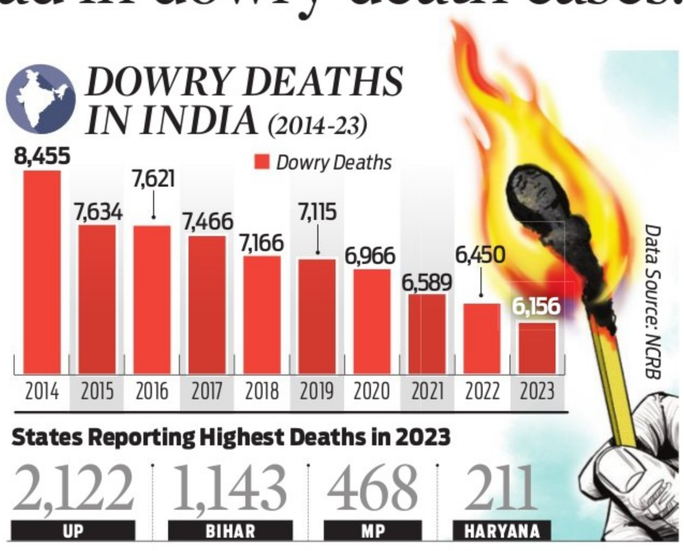
VISMAY BASU @ New Delhi

SEVENTEEN months after her wedding, 24-year-old Deepika Nagar died in a Greater Noida hospital with a ruptured spleen, a brain haematoma, internal bleeding and multiple bruises across her body, according to an autopsy report that has sharpened allegations of dowry violence against her husband and in-laws.

Police have arrested her husband and father-in-law. Her family alleges she was pushed from a terrace after months of torture linked to demands for a Toyota Fortuner and nearly ₹50 lakh in cash.

The post-mortem findings are severe. Doctors documented facial swelling, abdominal injuries, bleeding from the ear, ruptured internal organs and extensive contusions. Investigators are examining whether she was assaulted before the fall.

The case has revived attention on the persistence of dowry-linked violence despite decades of legislation and court intervention. Deepika's death is not isolated. Days earlier, Twisha Sharma, a 33-year-old MBA graduate and former Miss Pune, was found hanging at her matrimonial home in Bhopal's Katara Hills barely five months after marrying advocate Samarth Singh.



Police registered cases of dowry harassment and abetment of suicide. Her husband was reported missing. His mother, retired judge Giribala Singh, denied the allegations.

In August 2025, 28-year-old Nikki Bhati from Greater Noida was allegedly burnt alive after her in-laws demanded an additional ₹36 lakh despite earlier dowry payments that reportedly included cash, jewellery and a Scorpio SUV. Her young son witnessed the attack, according to police complaints.

In another case from January 2026, Delhi Police SWAT commando Kajal Chaudhary died after allegedly being assaulted by her husband. Her family accused him of sustained dowry harassment. The cases cut across class and profession. Employment offers little protection.

The numbers remain stark. India recorded 8,455 dowry deaths in 2014. By 2023, the figure declined to 6,156, according to the National Crime Records Bureau. The reduction appears significant. Researchers caution against reading it as a clear social shift.

Scholars at Azim Premji University have pointed to the NCRB's "principal offence rule", under which dowry deaths absorbed into murder investigations may disappear from dowry death statistics. A 2023 study published in Violence Against Women found that three in five women who filed domestic violence complaints also reported dowry harassment. Registrations under the Dowry Prohibition Act rose 14 per cent in 2023, reaching 15,489 cases nationwide. UP alone reported 2,122 dowry deaths in 2023, more than one-third of the national total. Bihar recorded 1,143 cases.

New rules soon to speed up Metrino pod systems in major cities: Gadkari

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

AS existing regulations don't support the implementation of automated driverless electric "Pods", the Centre is planning to amend existing rules and frame new standards to speed up the introduction of the innovative urban transport system.

Union Road Transport and Highways minister Nitin Gadkari, on Tuesday, informed that the National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML) is working on the plan of pod tax implementation, and the project is expected to start soon.

Considered one of the best 21st-century urban transit systems—Metrino—has small passenger cabins called 'Pods', which are suspended under an overhead network of light guideways above main streets. All rides are individual and on-demand. Each unit can ferry 5-6 travellers. Also known as Personal Rapid Transit (PRT), this technically advanced, non-stop and point-to-point service is meant to decongest urban centres and is also an alternative to reduce traffic congestion and vehicular pollution. It has the least interference with daily life in the city during its construction.

"The system is called Metrino, a public transport running on electricity. We have started some projects. The security standards of this system are very difficult to implement. We faced difficulties in their implementation. Then, there was a lot of difficulty in making it "Make in India". Now, once again, we will study all the standards because in the country's law, we do not have the approval of such a system," said Gadkari.

He was addressing a press conference held after reviewing the progress of the six-lane access-controlled highway linking Ring Road-Maharani Bagh with Delhi-Mumbai Expressway. "Study on the system is already underway at NHLML; we will soon work on it," the minister added. NHLML is a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), operating under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), which takes up large-scale, transformative infrastructure projects designed to improve logistics efficiency, reduce freight costs, and enhance the traveller experience.

The minister, first in 2016, announced plans to implement the ambitious PRT or Metrino in the National Capital Region (NCR).

CORRUPTION

Anti-Corruption Bureau has arrested a revenue department official for allegedly taking a bribe of ₹30,000 to facilitate a land record entry in Maharashtra's Raigad district, an official said.

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INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	41	28	Mumbai	34	27
Bhopal	42	27	Panaji	33	26
Jaipur	43	29	Patna	41	28
Amritsar	44	28	Lucknow	43	29
Chennai	38	29	Port Blair	32	27
Kolkata	39	28	Imphal	29	20
Srinagar	29	15	Chandigarh	44	29

MP likely to send Twisha case to CBI

Victim's family says CM has assured of investigation by Central agency, sending body to Delhi

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

THE death of 33-year-old former model-actor Twisha Sharma on May 12 in Bhopal, saw key developments on Wednesday. With the SIT probing the dowry death-harassment case being unable to track the absconding accused and Twisha's husband Samarth Singh, two days after a local Bhopal court cancelled his anticipatory bail plea, the city's police commissioner Sanjay Kumar increased the reward on his arrest to ₹30,000.

Twisha's father Navnidhi Sharma and army officer brother Major Harshit Sharma, along with ex-servicemen, met with CM Dr Mohan Yadav in Bhopal. The CM assured the grieving family of recommending a CBI probe into the case. He also assured the family of a re-postmortem if the competent court ordered it. Further, the CM also assured the family of sending the body to Delhi.'

While Samarth's anticipatory bail plea in the case has been rejected, his co-accused, retired judge Giribala Singh, has been granted anticipatory bail.

Briefing journalists about the findings of the final report of the post-mortem examination of Twisha's body conducted by a team of doctors at AIIMS-Bhopal on May 13, the police commissioner said, "The detailed autopsy report indicates that she (Twisha) wasn't murdered but died by suicide." Mention of ante-mortem hanging by ligature and other relevant aspects in the report indicates that she died by suicide."

According to informed sources, the detailed report of the autopsy mentioned death due to ante-mortem and multiple ante-mortem injuries (simple in nature) to other parts of the body. The report also mentioned the alleged history of Twisha undergoing medical termination of pregnancy (MTP) one week back (before the death), owing to which the uterus has been preserved for histopathological examination at AIIMS, Bhopal.

In another development, Twisha's parents' attempts to conduct a second autopsy of the eight-day-old body of their daughter, this time at AIIMS-Delhi, was dismissed by a judicial magistrate first-class court in Bhopal. The Katara Hills Police in Bhopal also wrote to Twisha's father Navnidhi Sharma that while it had no objection to a re-postmortem of the body, owing to the highly freezing facility (a -80 degree Celsius temperature) at AIIMS-Bhopal, keeping the body for long may lead to its decomposition. The police subsequently requested her father claim the body.

The JMFC Court in Bhopal, while taking up Twisha's parents' plea for issuing direction to prevent the body from decomposition and preserve the body, stated in its order on Wednesday, "According to the police report, the body is currently kept in the AIIMS-Bhopal mortuary at -40 degrees Celsius, and as per authorities of AIIMS-Bhopal, the body needs to be kept at -80 degrees Celsius. Based on the information gathered from other institutions in Bhopal, there is no facility available anywhere in Bhopal for such low-temperature preservation." "Therefore, in this regard, a letter shall be issued to the SHO of Katara Hills Police Station to immediately obtain written information from medical institutions as to whether a low-temperature preservation facility is available in other higher medical institutions of MP," the JMFC Court stated.

Father writes to governor on removing judge from post

Twisha's father Navnidhi Sharma has written to the state's Governor Mangubhai C Patel to remove Twisha's ex-judge mother-in-law Giribala Sharma as the president of Bhopal District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, pending completion of investigation and connected proceedings arising out of the dowry death and harassment case registered against her and son Samarth on May 15.

Bengal to arrest and hand over infiltrators to BSF, transfers land for fencing

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

WEST Bengal CM Suvendu Adhikari on Wednesday transferred a 27 km-long stretch of land to the BSF for long-pending fencing projects along the India-Bangladesh border in the state. The CM also announced that infiltrators would be arrested and handed over to the border security authorities.

A decision to this effect was taken on May 11, when Adhikari chaired his first cabinet meeting at the state secretariat, Nabanna.

While addressing a press conference at Nabanna alongside BSF officials, the CM of the first BJP government in West Bengal said that land covering an initial 27-km stretch would be transferred to the national security force along the border within two weeks.

He also announced the implementation of a mechanism for direct handover of 'infiltrators' to the BSF by the state police, asserting that communities not covered under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) would be detained and deported under an exercise coming into force with immediate effect.

He claimed that the Centre had sent a directive last year to the previous TMC administration asking them to directly hand over the illegal Bangladeshi infiltrators to the BSF. But the then-government led by Mamata Banerjee refused. However, 'we did it after coming to power for the first time in the state,' he said.

"We will protect our state as well as the country strongly, keeping regular coordination between our government and BSF authorities."

Clarifying the move in connection with who will be driven out, Suvendu said, "People who have come to Bengal by December 31 in 2024 won't be harassed or detained by police. People, who are not within the purview of the CAA, are illegal infiltrators. Police will arrest them and hand them over to the BSF. Following talks with the BGB these infiltrators will be pushed back to Bangladesh. This means 'detect, delete and deport'."

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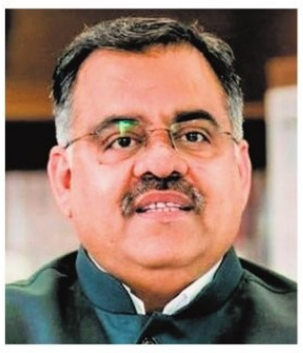
'Bengal jeeta, Punjab jeetenge', says BJP

As SIR in poll-bound Punjab begins on June 15, BJP national secretary Tarun Chugh, who is in Amritsar, hosted a Chai Pe Charcha event at the famous 'Sharma Tea Stall' near DAV College, Hathi Gate. He announced BJP's slogan 'Bengal jeeta, Punjab jeetenge' as he launched a offensive against the ruling AAP, claiming that the state is ripe for political transformation. He addressed party workers and locals during the event, where he also distributed sweets to celebrate the party's recent assembly victories. Chugh concluded, saying that 'Chai pe Charcha' marks the foundational step of a mass public movement to unseat the current AAP government.



Punjab Governor's ADC Gaurav Malik resigns

Squadron Leader Gaurav Malik has been relieved of his duties as aide-de-camp (Military) to the Punjab Governor, following his resignation linked to personal reasons. This resignation marks the second occurrence of such a departure in 30 months. Malik, who had been serving in the role since August 2024 after moving from Assam, submitted his resignation a few weeks prior. Sources indicated that he belonged to the Short Service Commission and had nearly a year of service left. The departure follows a similar transition involving Malik's predecessor, Squadron Leader Amit Tiwari. Tiwari had served as ADC (military) to then-Governor Banwari Lal Purohit.

IAS officer's fondness for government vehicles

At a time when the Prime Minister, Union ministers and many chief ministers have cut down the size of their cavalcades as part of an austerity measure due to the West Asia crises, a senior bureaucrat of Punjab is in the spotlight for his fondness for government vehicles. Apart from having his official car allotted to him, as he is in a senior position in the state government and is heading a department, he is also reportedly drawing as many as six government vehicles from the corporations he is also heading. Now the department is processing the purchase of another car which might replace one of the existing vehicles.

Large group of Maoists to lay down arms

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

OVER two dozen Maoists are expected to surrender formally at the police headquarters in Ranchi on Thursday.

According to reports, most of the Maoists putting their arms down before the senior police officials on Thursday belong to the squad of Misir Besra.

Senior CPI (Maoist) leader Misir Besra, who carries a bounty of ₹1 crore on his head, is also believed to be in contact with police officials and may surrender soon. A Politburo member of the CPI (Maoist), Besra has been active in the Saranda forests of West Singhbhum for over three decades. He hails from the Giridih district in Jharkhand.

According to information received from Police Headquarters and security agencies, more than two dozen Maoists—including female cadres active in the Saranda region—have already surrendered before the security forces in the dense forests.

They also informed that the Maoists, who surrendered before the security forces, also handed over more than a dozen weapons to the police.

As per the information, all of them were initially kept at secured locations within the forests and have since been gradually brought to Ranchi. Those who have surrendered also include a significant number of women cadres.

BJP eyes elusive victory in Falta bypoll today, Left hopes to regain lost space

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

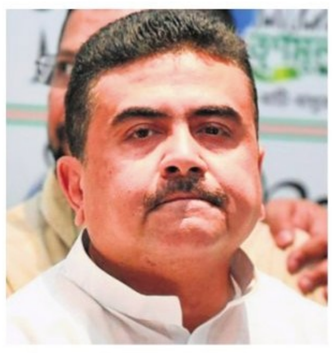
RE-POLLING in the high-voltage Falta assembly constituency under the Diamond Harbour Lok Sabha in South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal is set to take place on Thursday amid tight security arrangements.

The re-election seems significant for BJP, which has bagged 207 seats and formed its first government in the state, and the CPM that desperately trying to emerge as second political force after Trinamool-nominated candidate Jahangir Khan, withdrew his candidature.It will be a milestone for the BJP if the saffron party wins Falta, which the Trinamool Congress has been bagging since 2011 with 54% votes on an average.

In 2021 assembly polls, the BJP that bagged around 37% votes in Falta could not field candidates in two other previous elections in 2011 and 2016 from the constituency.

There will be a three-corner fight among the BJP, the CPM-led Left Front with the support of its ally the Indian Secular Front (ISF), and Congress in Falta.

The Congress had pitted candidate with support of the Left in 2021 and got only 3% vote in Falta, while the CPM, which had 37% vote share in 2011 and 2016, was the second nearest rival to the then ruling party Trinamool Congress.



"Trinamool Congress gave a walkover to the BJP but only the Left is in the battle," CPM leader Sujan Chakraborty said while reacting to Khan's withdrawal as a contestant in the Falta constituency.

No Trinamool Congress heavyweights, including Abhishek, were seen campaigning for Khan in the repolling phase in Falta, hardly 40 km away from Kolkata.

Abhishek, who won the 2024 Lok Sabha polls from Diamond Harbour for third time since 2014 with the highest record margin of more than seven lakh votes across the country, didn't address even a single repolling rally in Falta seeking votes for his trusted lieutenant Khan, who had given him a lead of around 1.70 lakh votes only from his assembly constituency.

Dalit Cong leaders knock on Mayawati door, get notice

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

TWO senior Dalit leaders of the Congress party were served show-cause notices by the UP Congress Committee (UPCC) after they allegedly led a delegation of several Dalit leaders of the party to BSP chief Mayawati's Lucknow residence on Tuesday evening.

However, the BSP chief refused them an audience and they had to return embarrassed. Seeing red at the alleged failed bid by the leaders, including party's Barabanki MP Tanuj Punia and its Scheduled Caste Department national chairman Rajendra Paul Gautam, to meet the BSP chief, UP unit of the grand old party while claiming the visit was to enquire about Behenji's health, served show-cause notices on both Punia and Gautam seeking clarification over their unscheduled, unauthorised visit to the BSP chief's residence.

Incidentally, the 'misadventure' by the Congress leaders took place when party MP and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi was just a few hours away in his parliamentary constituency Rae Bareli holding two Dalit outreach programmes—addressing a 'Bahujan Swabhiman Sabha' and inaugurating the statue of freedom fighter Veera Pasi.

Both Congress's general secretary and UP in-charge Avinash Pande and UP Congress chief Ajay Rai stated that the delegation lacked party authorisation. Consequently, show-cause notices were issued to the leaders to explain their unapproved actions.

Denying any political motive for reaching out to the BSP chief, MP Tanuj Punia, son of senior Congress leader PL Punia, attempted to clarify that during a meeting of UP Congress's SC cell, Mayawati's health issues came up and that he and others then decided to pay her a visit.

BSP chief's view

Mayawati has been reiterating time and again that she would not align with any political player in the arena as she believes that her alliance with arch rival Samajwadi Party in 2019 did not do enough good for her party and that the BSP did not gain much from it.

Modi elevating country's image, interests: Pawar

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

AMID talks of the NCPs' merger, Sharad Pawar on Wednesday praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying that he is working to protect the country's image.

Pawar said that they share different ideologies, but the PM is safeguarding the country's image across the world. "Whenever the country subject comes, the interest of the country is more paramount than the individual interest and political liking. We have to accept that PM is not only safeguarding India's interest and image but also elevating it. The image of the country is important, and when it comes to the country's interests, no political interests should come in between. Political interest has no place when it comes to country interests. PM's foreign tours are for the country's interests, therefore, we should not criticise and politicise it. The country is going through a different phase, Pawar said.

Pawar said that Indira Gandhi, PV Narasimha Rao and Manmohan Singh kept India's interest first and worked to elevate the country image.

10K rescued on landslide-hit Kedarnath route

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

Joint teams of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) rescued over 10,000 stranded pilgrims after a massive landslide blocked the crucial Kedarnath Yatra route on Tuesday night.

Heavy rainfall is believed to have triggered the landslide, which caused debris to crash onto the main road in the Munkatia sector, between Sonprayag and Gaurikund, severing connectivity for pilgrims.

The District Control Room (DCR) in Rudraprayag received the distress call around 9:15 pm. Adverse weather conditions hampered visibility, and the situation quickly became critical. Responding instantly, an SDRF team led by Sub-Inspector Ashish Dimri was dispatched with specialised rescue equipment. Upon arrival, they joined forces with the NDRF to launch a coordinated evacuation drive.

The team maintained strict crowd control and ensured the safety of vulnerable travelers, managing to move around 10,450 pilgrims to safety.

Arpan Yaduvanshi, Commandant of the SDRF said, "Our teams were stationed along the Yatra route, prepared to handle potential disasters and emergency scenarios."

With the route now clear, the flow of pilgrims towards the Kedarnath shrine has resumed, though authorities have advised travelers to remain vigilant due to monsoon risks.

Rescue personnel evacuate pilgrims after landslides on Wednesday | PTI

Single day record of 83,211 pilgrims

The Char Dham Yatra has witnessed an unprecedented surge in attendance this season. The influx peaked on Tuesday, when the four shrines recorded a single-day total of 83,211 pilgrims, the highest daily turnout ever documented. Since its commencement more than 18 lakh devotees have thronged the four sacred shrines.

Chopper hits powerlines, pilot averts tragedy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Dehradun

A helicopter carrying six pilgrims to Dehradun from Badrinath became entangled in a high-tension electricity line in Tehri district on Wednesday.

The helicopter, operated by Trans Bharat Aviation, made an emergency landing in the Satyon-Naugau area of the Saklana region after its tail rotor snagged on an 11,000-volt power line. Despite the technical failure and the severe turbulence that followed, pilot Anupama Chaudhary successfully maneuvered the aircraft into a field.

According to preliminary reports, the flight was diverted from its original route via Guptkashi to a direct path to Dehradun.

J&K names school after Pahalgam ponywallah who took on terrorist

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

A year after the Pahalgam terror attack claimed 26 lives, the Jammu and Kashmir government has named a school in Anantnag district after Adil Hussain Shah, the ponywallah who was killed by terrorists.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday announced that Government High School, Hapatnard, in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, has been renamed by the government after the late Adil Hussain Shah.

The decision was taken in the cabinet meeting held under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister Abdullah. Adil was among the 26 victims of the terror attack at Pahalgam on April 22, 2025. The terrorists had attacked a group of tourists at Baisaran meadows in Pahalgam, killing 25 tourists and Adil, who was present at the scene and attempted to snatch the weapon of one of the attackers to save tourists.

The renaming ceremony of Government High School Hapatnar to Shaheed Adil Memorial High School Hapatnar was presided over by Education Minister Sakeena Itoo along with Adil's family.

The education minister said the renaming of the educational institute was a tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of Shah, who laid down his life while saving several tourists.

"Adil through his sacrifice, has brought pride to Kashmir. His actions had brought pride to Kashmir and demonstrated Kashmiriyat in its purest form," she said.

Adil, she said, belonged to a very humble family and did not run away when bullets were being fired and people killed. "Instead he tried to save the lives of tourists," she said.

"His sacrifice has made the people of Kashmir proud," Itoo said, adding the government's decision was aimed at ensuring that future generations remember his courage and selflessness. Adil's brother Syed Naushad thanked the government and said today is a very proud moment for the family.

"The naming of the school after Adil would ensure his sacrifice is remembered not only in Kashmir but across the country and the world," he said.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

Sri. Basavantharaya S/o Mahadevappa has proposed to undertake Quarrying of River Sand of production capacity 26,000 TPA for a period of five (05) years in a total land Area of 12.20 Acres (5.058 Hectares) at Ordinary Sand Mining Block-RSB-31 in Krishna Riverbed Project, Adjacent to Sy. No. 16/1, 17/2, 18, 19 & 20, Partthapura Block-03 Village, Devadurga Taluk, Raichur District. This project proposal falls under Category B1, Activity 1(a) – 'Mining of Minerals" as per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 and its amendments.

As per the Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated:14.09.2006 and Amendment dated: 01.12.2009, the project proponent has to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority and is required to go through the process of Environmental Public Hearing. As per the Terms of Reference (ToR) letter No. SEIAA 29 MIN 2026 dated:03.03.2026 issued by the SEIAA, Karnataka and request letter of the project proponent dated:25.03.2026 and the Environmental Officer, Regional Office, Raichur letter dated:13.05.2026 intimating the date, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the KSPCB.

The details of the project are as follows:

1. Name & Address of the Project Proponent : Sri. Basavatharaya S/o Mahadevappa, Ramanala, Devadurga Taluk, Raichur District – 584 111.

2. Location of the proposed Quarry Project : Ordinary Sand Mining Block-RSB-31 in Krishna Riverbed Project, Adjacent to Sy. No. 16/1, 17/2, 18, 19 & 20, Partthapura Block-03 Village, Devadurga Taluk, Raichur District.

3. Details of proposed Project : Proposed to undertake Quarrying of River Sand of production capacity 26,000 TPA for a period of five (05) years in a total land Area of 12.20 Acres (5.058 Hectares).

4. Date, time and venue of Environmental Public Hearing : Date : 22.06.2026 (Monday) Time: 12:30 PM, Place: Near Aanemalleshwara Temple, Benakal Village, Devadurga Taluk, Raichur District.

5. Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are: (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Raichur District, Raichur. **(b)** Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Raichur District, Raichur. **(c)** District Industries Centre, Raichur District, Raichur. **(d)** Thasildar Office, Devadurga Taluk, Raichur District. **(e)** Department of Mines & Geology, Raichur District. **(f)** Town Municipal Council, Devadurga, Raichur District. **(g)** Gram Panchayat Office, Koppara, Devadurga Taluk. **(h)** Office of the Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Raichur. **(i)** SEIAA Karnataka (Ecology and Environment), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 709, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru-560 001 **(j)** HELP DESK, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No. 49, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification to make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Raichur District, Raichur). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. For details please visit our Website: **https://kspcb.karnataka.gov.in/.**

Sd/-
Member Secretary

Government of Karnataka
Public Works Department, Special Division, Hunsur

Short Term tender Notification
(Through https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

IFT No:04/2026-27 Date: 18-05-2026

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka the under signed has invited itemwised tender for 6-works related to Hunsur Special Division as per terms and conditions of "standard tender documents" from the eligible registered contactors under PWD through kppp Portal. Maximum amount put to tender Rs.161.18 lakhs and Minimum amount put to tender Rs.12.18 lakhs, Maximum EMD amount of Rs.2,41,800/- and Minimum EMD amount of Rs.30,450/- .Tender documents is downloaded from the https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in website for Sl no 1 to 4 from Dt: 18-05-2026 and for Sl no 5 to 6 from Dt: 21-05-2026 Last date for submission of filled tender documents for Sl no 1 to 4 is Dt: 01-06-2026 and for Sl no 5 to 6 is Dt: 05-06-2026 upto 16.00 Hours. Period for completion of works (including monsoon): Maximum 18-Months and Minimum 3-months. For more details visit the undersigned during office working hours .

Sd/- Executive Engineer

DIPR/DDMYS/203KSMCA/149/2026-27

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER
RENGALI HEAD WORKS CIRCLE, SAMAL

AT /P.O. SAMAL BARRAGE, Dist: ANGUL, Odisha, PIN-759037, Email ID - seicsamal19@gmail.com

e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE No. ACE-RHWC-01/2026-27(On-line)

32001/249/2627

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

1	Name of Work	**"Construction of River Embankment and Sluice Works".**
2	Total No. of Package	01 (One) No of work.
3	Tender Cost of Packages	Approximately Rs. 486.56 Lakhs
4	Cost of Bid Document	Rs 10,000.00 (On-line Payments)
5	Bid Security	Rs. 4,86,600/-
6	Class of Contractor	A Class (Work list attached in the Bid documents)
7	Period of Completion	11 (eleven) calendar Months

8. Other details are as follows

Procurement Officer	Availability of tender on-line for bidding		Date of opening of Technical Bid
	From	To	
Additional Chief Engineer, Rengali Head Works Circle, Samal	22.05.2026 at 10.00 A.M	06.06.2026 upto 5.30 P.M	08.06.2026 at 11.30A.M

9. email Id: seicsamal19@gmail.com, 10. Further details conditions can be seen from the Government website www.tendersodisha.gov.in, 11. Any corrigendum/addendum/cancellation of tender to the above notice if any can be seen from the above website.

**Sd/- Additional Chief Engineer,
Rengali Head Works Circle, Samal**

OIPR-32001/32410/1/26-27/0001

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public at large that the undersigned Advocates are investigating the right title and interest of **M/s. Vittorio Estates**, a partnership firm constituted under the Indian Partnership Act, 1932 having its principal place of business at 10/1, Ground Floor, Lakshminarayana Complex, Palace Road, Bengaluru – 560 001 ("**Owner**"), in respect of the properties described in the Schedule below and collectively referred to as the ("**Schedule Properties**"). The Owner represent that it is the absolute owner of Schedule Properties and that no other person/s, entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) has any manner of right, title or interest thereon.

Public are notified that any person/s, entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) having any right, title, claim, interest or demand of any nature in or upon the Schedule Properties or any part thereof or any objection/s of any manner whatsoever to the Schedule Properties are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned in writing together with all details of the right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation, or demand made together with supporting documents within **15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of this notice. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that the Owner has a clear, marketable title and free from encumbrance/s of any kind whatsoever, to the Schedule Properties and that no person/s, entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) has any claim, right, title or interest of any nature whatsoever over the Schedule Properties or any part thereof.

SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

Item No. 1: All that piece and parcel of vacant residential land bearing Municipal No.16/40, situated at Chinnappa Garden Link Road, Bengaluru coming within the jurisdiction of Greater Bengaluru Authority in ward No.63-Jayamahal, bearing new E-PID No.107 366 9468 and old PID No.92-130-16/40, (previously bearing PID No. 063-W0068-4/40 and old PID No.92-32-16/40 and still previously part of larger land bearing Survey No.112 of Kayamgutta Byadarahalli Village, Civil Station, Bengaluru), measuring on the North 69.17 feet, on the South 48.76 feet, on the East 274.3 feet and on the West 80.2 feet + 104.7 feet + 88 feet, and totally measuring 1,416.4 Sq. mtrs., or 15,246 square feet (i.e.,14 guntas) and bounded on the:

East by : Land in Survey No. 113;
West by : Private Property;
North by : Road;
South by : Private Property;

Item No. 2: All that piece and parcel of vacant residential land bearing Municipal No.21 - PID No.92-41-21 having E-PID No.1529371976, Municipal No.22 - PID No.92-41-22 having E-PID No.1997872890, Municipal No.23 - PID No.92-41-23 having E-PID No.1064713223, Municipal No.16/32 – PID No.92-130-16/32 having E-PID No.5699983896, Municipal No.16/33 - PID No.92-130-16/33 having E-PID No.2652659510, Municipal No.16/34 - PID No.92-130-16/34 having E-PID No.9183006812, Municipal No.16/38 - PID No.92-130-16/38 having E-PID No.1487563045 and Municipal No.16/39 - PID No.92-130-16/39 having E-PID No.6534851304, together measuring 12,227 Sq. mtrs. (i.e., 1,31,607 square feet, equivalent to 03 Acres 01 Gunta), situated at Chinnappa Garden, 1st Cross / Link Road, Bengaluru, coming within the jurisdiction of Greater Bengaluru Authority (earlier part of Survey No.113 of Kayamgutta Byadarahalli Village, Civil Station, Bangalore) and bounded on the:

East by : Military Land;
West by : Land bearing Survey No.112, now bearing Municipal No. 16/40;
North by : Chinnappa Garden Link Road; and
South by : Binny Cresent - Private Property.

Sd. /-
N.K. Dilip / S. Raghu Nandana
Tatva Legal Bangalore Advocates
4th Floor, Phoenix Pinnacle,
No. 46, Ulsoor Road, Bengaluru 560 042.

Place: Bengaluru,
Date: 21.05.2026

पंजाब नैशनल बैंक punjab national bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Stressed Asset Management Branch, Chennai: PNB Towers, 46-49, 4th Floor, Royapettah, Chennai-600014, E-mail: zs8341@pnb.bank.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)
(Under Rule8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement (Rules 2002)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of the **Punjab National Bank,** Federal Bank and Export and Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 29.06.2024, 25.04.2025 and 19.06.2025** calling upon the **Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgagors: 1. M/s Innovare Labs Pvt. Ltd., 2. Mr. Sunkary Venugopal, 3. Mr. Ravi Tadikonda, 4. Mr. Manda Venkat Ramana Reddy, 5. Dr. Indukuri V.Sunil Kumar, 6. Ketavarapu Narasimha Rao, 7. Thatipalli Poorna Chander, 8. Sh. B.Gudibandala Jawaharlal Reddy 9. Smt. Indukuri Swapna 10. Sh. Amireddy Sugunakar 11. Mr. Karri Naga Venkata Kannababu, 12 Sh. Karri Venkata Veeru Naidu, 13. Sh. Pantam Venkata Achuta Ravi Mohan, 14. Sh. S.Balwanth Reddy, 15. Sh. Pantam Venkata Achuta Ravi Mohan, 16. Smt. Parupally Sandhya Alias Nerella Ajay, 17. Sh. Manda Venkatramana Reddy, 18. Sh. Rampally Srinivas, 19. Sh. Amireddy Sugunakar, 20. Sh. Anil Kumar, 21. Senthil Vinayaga Lakshmi** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **Rs.66,29,99,612.28 (Rupees Sixty Six Crore Twenty Nine Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twelve and Twenty Eight Paisa)** as on 31.05.2024 along with future interest & charges and **Rs.25,84,11,031.38 (Rupees Twenty Five Crore Eighty Four Lakh Eleven Thousand Thirty One and Thirty Eight Paisa Only)** along with further interest and charges from the respective date mentioned in the notice and **Rs.5,65,43,379.44 (Rupees Five Crore Sixty Five Lakh Forty Three Thousand Three Hundred Seveny Nine and Forty Four Paisa Only)** along with further interest and charges from the respective date mentioned in the notice respectively within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/ Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to you and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the following properties of borrower /mortgagor/guarantor on behalf of **Punjab National Bank** being Lead Bank and on behalf of Federal Bank and Export and Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) after obtaining consent under section 13(9) of the SARFAESI Act, described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on respective dates.

The borrower/guarantor's in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Punjab National Bank, Federal Bank and Export - Import Bank of India for an amount **Rs.66,29,99,612.28 (Rupees Sixty Six Crore Twenty Nine Lakh Ninety-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twelve and Twenty Eight Paisa Only)** as on 31.05.2024 along with future interest and charges and **Rs.25,84,11,031.38 (Rupees Twenty Five Crore Eighty Four Lakh Eleven Thousand Thirty One and Thirty Eight Paisa Only)** along with further interest and charges from the respective date mentioned in the notice and **Rs.5,65,43,379.44 (Rupees Five Crore Sixty Five Lakh Fourty Three Thousand Three Hundred Seveny Nine and Forty Four Paisa Only)** along with further interest and charges from the respective date mentioned in the notice respectively.

S. No.	Name of Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Owner	Description of Immovable Properties	Date of Possession
1	**Mr. Ravi Tadikonda, S/o Sambasiva Rao Tadikonda,** R/o Flat No.6FH, IMG Elite, Raghuvanapalya, 9th Phase, J.P.Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Karnataka.	All that the property bearing Flat No.6F-H (3BHK) in the Sixth Floor of the building known as **"IMG Elite"** admeasuring 1855 Sq.Ft. at Raghavanpalya Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South-560062. **Boundaries: East:** Road, **West:** Private Property, **North:** Private Property, **South:** BDA Property.	**19.05.2026**
2	**Mr. Ravi Tadikonda, S/o Sambasiva Rao Tadikonda,** R/o Flat No. 6FH, IMG Elite, Raghuvanapalya, 9th Phase, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Karnataka.	All the piece and parcel of the Property Residential Vacant Site No 09, formed in converted Sy.No.80/1 (vide conversion order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR (S) 399/2002-03 dated 25.04.2003), Khatha No.3581, situated at Kammanahalli Village, Uttarahalli Village, Begur, Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore-560083 admeasuring 2,295 Sq.Ft in the name of **Sh. Ravi Tadikonda**. **Boundaries: East:** Road, **West:** Private Property, **North:** Site No.08, **South:** Site No.10.	**19.05.2026**
3	**Mr. Ravi Tadikonda, S/o Sambasiva Rao Tadikonda** and **Smt. Senthil Vinayga Lakshmi Tadikonda,** Banglalore, Karnataka	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.243-B & 244 B, Old Katha No.744/489 and 744/490 present BBMP katha No. 245/586/550/489/243-B & BBMP katha No. 246/587/551/490/244-B, In the layout known as **"Shanthi Niketan"** situated at Arakere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore-560076 admeasuring 2400 Sq.Ft. **Boundaries: Site No.243-B:- East:** Road, **West:** Plot No.242 B, **North:** Plot No.244 B, **South:** Road. **Site No.244-B:- East:** Road, **West:** Plot No.241B, **North:** Plot No.245 B, **South:** Plot No.243 B.	**19.05.2026**

The borrower's/guarantor's /mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 20.05.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- (G.Jayakar Rao) Authorised Officer
Punjab National Bank, SAMB, Chennai

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that my client Mr. Nawab Khan, S/o. Late. Hyder Khan Alias Sheik Dawood, Ages about 53 Years, Residing at No.4165, 4th Cross, Kumaraswamy Layout 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 078 **is the absolute owner in peaceful possession and enjoyment of** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BDA Site No.140, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, situated at Hutting Colony, 4th Block East, Jayanagar, Bangalore, present property bearing New B.B.M.P. No.27, now called 30th A Cross Road, Huts Colony and B.T.B. Area, 4th Block, Jayanagar East, Bangalore, New B.B.M.P. Ward No.62, with the PID No.62-95-27, New Property No.91/80, New E-PID No. 1090926112, **My client has lost the following Original Documents:-**

E –Lost Report No. 2212789/2026

01. Sale deed dated 11.09.1980, Mr. J.A. Hasan has sold the schedule property in favour of Mr. P.K. Abdul Azeez, and same Registered as Document No.2850/1980-81 of Book No.1, Volume 538 at Pages 116 to 120, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore.

02. Release deed dated 11.10.2010, executed by Mrs. Sainaba and her children's Mr. K.V. Asif, Mr. K.V. Ashik and Mrs. K.V. Haseena have relinquished their right, title and interest on the schedule property in favour of Mr. K.V. Ashraf, and same registered as Document No. JAY-1-01166-2010-11 of Book No. 1, stored in CD No. JAYD120, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore.

If anybody finds the aforesaid document please hand over to me or please contact by Phone: 9741013679/9986800100.

Guttyappa S.C. B.A, LLB (SPL)
Chambers: Mariappa M S & Associates,
ADVOCATE , No. 7, 3rd Floor, Kasturi Apartment, 35/11, Langford Road Cross, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru – 560 025. Mob; 9741013679

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)
(Under Rule8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement (Rules 2002)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of the **Punjab National Bank** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 13.05.2024** calling upon the **Borrower/ Guarantors / Mortgagors: 1. M/s Vijay Nirman Company Private Limited, 2. Dr. S.Vijaya Kumar, 3. Mr. A.V.V.V.Prasad, 4. Mr. Anil Dhanpat Agarwal, 5. Mr. V.Ajay Kumar, 6. Mr. Y.V.Ramana, 7. Mr. M.Narasimhappia, 8. Mrs. A.Janaki (Legal heir of Late Shri K.V.Padmanabha Rao (Guarantor), 9. Mr. A.Murali Krishna, 10. Mrs. S.Sindhu, 11. Mrs. A.Shanthi, 12. Mrs. P.Ramasubbulu: Legal heir of Late P.Babu Rao, 13. Mr. T.S.Pradyumna, 14. Mrs. T.Vani, 15. Mrs. A.Ganga Bhavani, 16. Mr. A.V.L.Narasimha Rao, 17. Shri G.Kumaraswamy Reddy, 18. A.V.V.Prasad, A.Vemana, A.Shilpa Legal Heirs of Mrs. A.Lakshmi** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **Rs.211,39,09,463.17 (Rupees Two Hundred Eleven Crore Thirty-Nine Lakh Nine Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Three and Seventeen Paise Only)** as on 30.04.2024 with further interest and charges within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice.

The Authorised Officer of the Union Bank of India under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 15.02.2025** calling upon the **Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgagors: 1. M/s Vijay Nirman Company Private Limited, 2. Dr. S.Vijaya Kumar, 3. Mr. A.V.V.V.Prasad, 4. Mr. Anil Dhanpat Agarwal, 5. Mr. V.Ajay Kumar, 6. Mr. Y.V.Ramana, 7. Mr. M Narasimhappia 8. Mrs. A Janaki, K Rama Krishana and K Shanti i(Legal heir of Late Shri K.V.Padmanabha Rao (Guarantor) 09. Mr. A.Murali Krishna, 10. Mrs. S.Sindhu, 10. Mrs. A.Shanthi, 11. Mrs. P.Ramasubbulu:, P.Gopi** and **P.Gora Legal heir of Late P.Babu Rao, 12. Mr. T.S.Pradyumna, 13. Mrs. T.Vani, 14. Mrs. A.Ganga Bhavani, 15. Mr. A.V.L.Narasimha Rao, 16. A.V.V.Prasad, A.Vemana, A.Shilpa Legal Heirs of Mrs. A.Lakshmi** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **Rs.92,14,70,366.06 (Rupees Ninety-Two Crore Fourteen Lakh Seventy Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Six and Six Paise Only)** as on 31.01.2025 with further interest and charges within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/ Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to you and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property of Vijay Nirman Company Pvt Ltd, Registered Office: 11-9-16, Ptot No:9, Daspalla Hills, Visakhapatnam-530013 on behalf of **Punjab National Bank** and being Lead Bank on behalf of Union Bank of India (member of Consortium Bank) described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 19th May, 2026.

The borrower/guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Punjab National Bank** and Union Bank of India for an amount **Rs.211,39,09,463.17 (Rupees Two Hundred Eleven Crore Thirty-Nine Lakh Nine Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Three and Seventeen Paise Only)** as on 30.04.2024 with further interest & charges and for an amount of **Rs.92,14,70,366.06 (Rupees Ninety Two Crore Fourteen Lakh Seventy Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Six and Six Paise Only)** as on 31.01.2025 with further interest and charges respectively.

The borrower's/guarantor's /mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Description of immovable property: All that property bearing Residential Villa situated in Plot No.81 (Corner) ,"Cloud 9" in Sy.No. 255 & 256, Khata No.1404/802/81 situated at Bommasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, near Bommasandra Road, Anekat Tatuk, Bangalore admeasuring 444.45 Sq.Yds/4000 Sq ft, in the name of **M/s Vijay Nirman Company Pvt Ltd. Boundaries: North:** 50 Ft wide Road, **South:** Plot No.80, **East:** Plot No.84, **West:** 50 Ft. Wide Road.

Date: 19.05.2026
Place: Bangalore, Karnataka

Sd/- (G.Jayakar Rao) Authorised Officer
Punjab National Bank, SAMB, Chennai

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: CEE/ Tr(Op)Z/BGKT/EE(C)/AEE(C)/2026-27/3433-46 Date:19.05.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)

KPTCL invites tenders against Bid Enquiry No's on Electronic mode for the following Civil works.

1) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3733** for Construction of Nodal office building at 220kV SRS Hubballi, Hubballi Taluk, Dharwada Dist. **(Category-II(A)).**
2) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3734** for Providing UGD line to G&D type quarters at 220Kv SRS Colony Hubballi, Hubballi Taluk, Dharwada Dist. **(Category ST).**
3) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3735** for Construction of area compound wall at 110kv S/s Shedbal, Dharwada Taluk & Dist. **(Category ST).**
4) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3736** for Construction of area compound wall at 110kv S/s Navalgund, Annigeri Taluk, Dharwada Dist.
5) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3737** for Construction of area compound wall at 220Kv R/s Narendra, Dharwada Taluk & Dist.
6) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3738** for Construction of area compound wall at 110kv S/s Mruthyunjaynagar, Dharwada Taluk & Dist. **(Category-II(A)).**
7) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3739** for Providing RCC road at 110 kv S/s Gadag Road, Hubball Taluk, Dharwada Dist.
8) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3740** forProviding Approach RCC road at 110 kv S/s Gopanakoppa, Hubballi Taluk, Dharwada Dist.
9) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3741** for Providing Approach RCC road at 110 kv S/s Belur, Dharwada Taluk & Dist.
10) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3743** for for Construction of Security Compound wall to 110KV S/S Konnur, Nargunda Taluk, Gadaga Dist.
11) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3744** for Construction of Security Compound wall to 110KV S/S Sambapur, Gadaga Taluk & Dist.
12) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3747** for Providing Security Compound wall at 110Kv S/s Naregal, Rona Taluk, Gadaga Dist.
13) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3749** for Providing Area compound wall at 110KV S/s Naregal, Rona Taluk, Gadaga Dist.
14) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3752** for Construction of Area Compound wall to 110KV S/S Dambal (Third phase), Mundaragi Taluk, Gadaga Dist. **(Category-II(A)).**
15) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3754** for Construction of Area Compound wall to 110KV S/S Mundaragi (Second phase), Mundaragi Taluk, Gadaga Dist. **(Category ST).**
16) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3756** for Construction of Area Compound wall to 110KV S/S Betageri (Second phase) Gadaga Taluk & Dist.
17) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3758** for Providing RCC road to AE/JE, LM quarters at 110kV S/s Naregal, Rona Taluk, Gadaga Dist.
18) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3762** for Providing RCC road to at 110kV S/s Colony Gadaga,Gadaga Taluk & Dist
19) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3765** for Providing Vehicles stand and allied works to Newly constructed Projects division office at 220KV R/s Gadag, Gadag Taluk & Dist.
20) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3742** for Construction of T&P room at 220Kv R/s Ambewadi, Dandeli Taluk, Uttara Kannada Dist.
21) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3745** for Providing RCC road near AEE quarters at 220Kv R/s Ambewadi, Dandeli Taluk, Uttara Kannada Dist. **(Category-II(A)).**
22) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3746** for Construction of Toilet block and vehicle shed at TLM Sub-division, Sirsi Taluk, Uttara Kannada Dist. **((Category SC).**
23) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3748** for Construction of Security Compound wall at 110kV S/S Aremallapur, Ranibennur Taluk, Haveri Dist.
24) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3750** for Providing vehicles stand and allied works to Newly constructed Projects division office at 220KV R/s Haveri, Haveri Taluk & Dist. **(Category-I).**
25) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3751** for Construction Of Boundary Compound Wall at 110kv Substation Toravi, Vijayapura Taluk & Dist. **(Category SC).**
26) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3753** for Construction Of Boundary Compound Wall at 110kv Substation Atharga, Indi Taluk, Vijayapura District.
27) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3755** for RCC Retaining wall at 220kV R/s B.Bagewadi Taluk, Vijayapura Dist. **(Category SC).**
28) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3757** for Providing RCC Road to the 220KV R/S Vijayapura, Vijayapura Taluk & Dist.
29) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3759** for Providing area compound wall to 110kV S/S Kataraki, Bilagi Taluk, Bagalkote Dist.
30) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3760** for Providing area compound wall to 110kV S/S Achanur, Bagalkote Taluk & Dist.
31) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3763** for Construction of RCC approach road at 110kV S/s Achanur, Bagalkote Taluk & Dist. **(Category SC).**
32) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3764** for Construction of RCC approach road at 110kV S/s Bilagi , Bilagi Taluk, Bagalkote Dist.
33) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3766** for Providing 3 No's of Vehicles stand at Project Operation RT TLM Division and 110kv S/S Staff at Zonal Office Complex Premises Navanagara, Bagalkote Taluk & Dist.**(Category SC).**
34) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3767** for Providing Periphery Compound wall at 110 KV S/s Gosbal, Gokak Taluk, Belagavi Dist.
35) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3768** for Providing Approach Road at 110 KV Premises Ghataprabha, Gokak Taluk, Belagavi Dist.
36) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3769** for Providing Periphery Compound wall at 110 KV S/s Ugar Khurd, Raibaga Taluk, Belagavi Dist.
37) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3770** for Providing Periphery Compound wall at 110 KV S/s Chikkodi, Chikkodi Taluk, Belagavi Dist.
38) **KPTCL/2026-27/OW/WORK_INDENT3771** for Providing Approach Road at 110 KV S/S Ugar Khurd, Raibaga Taluk, Belagavi Dist.
39) **KPTCL/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT1376/CALL-3** for Construction of Boundary Compound wall at 110kV S/S Mamadapur, Babaleshwara Taluk, Vijayapura Dist.
40) **KPTCL/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT1385/CALL-3** for Construction of Boundary Compound wall at 110kV S/S Mukartihal, Basavana Bagewadi Taluk, Vijayapura Dist.
41) **KPTCL/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT1403/CALL-3** for Construction of Nodal Office building Over the existing Control room building at 220kV R/s Indi and providing false ceiling and AC, Indi Taluk,Vijayapura Dist.

The tenders will be received through KPP portal only. The details regarding participation in the KPP process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'E Procurement KPTCL' or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or **after 5.30 p.m. on 21.05.2026.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

**Sd/- Chief Engineer, (Elec.),Transmission (Operations) Zone,
KPTCL, Opp. Sector No. 45, Navanagara, Bagalkote.**

Ahmadinejad as prez was US-Israel plan: NYT

Former Iranian leader, known for his hardline views, was consulted by US and Israel ahead of the start of war

WASHINGTON

THE US and Israel were considering installing hardliner Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as the president of Iran as part of the plans for regime change in the Persian Gulf nation in the early days of the war, according to a media report.

Former Iranian President Ahmadinejad, known for his anti-Israel, anti-America views, was consulted by the US and Israel as they drew up war plans targeting Iran, *The New York Times* reported.

However, Ahmadinejad was injured in an Israeli strike on the first day of the war and soon became disillusioned with the plan for regime change, the *Times* report said, quoting American officials.

It said the Israeli strike at Ahmadinejad's residence in Tehran was intended to free him from house arrest.

Known for his frequent calls to "wipe Israel off the map" during his presidency from 2005-13, Ahmadinejad had become critical of the Iranian rulers, accusing them of corruption. In 2005, it was Ahmadinejad who ended a freeze on uranium enrichment.

He has been placed under house arrest for the past few years and the Iranian rulers had even disqualified him from

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

subsequent presidential elections. American officials told the *Times* that the strike — carried out by the Israeli Air Force — was meant to kill the guards watching over Ahmadinejad as part of a plan to release him from house arrest. The attack had killed his boduguards.

That American and Israeli officials saw Ahmadinejad as a potential leader of a new government in Iran is further evidence that the war in February was launched with the hopes of installing more pliable leadership in Tehran, the report added.

An associate of Ahmadinejad confirmed to *The New York Times* that the former Iranian President saw the strike at his residence as an attempt to free him. The associate said the Americans viewed Ahmadinejad as someone who could lead Iran, and had the capability to manage "Iran's political, social and military situation," the NYT reported.

Ahmadinejad would have been able to "play a very important role" in Iran in the near future, the associate said, suggesting that the United States saw him as similar to Delcy Rodriguez, who took power in Venezuela after American forces seized Nicolas Maduro and has since worked closely with the Trump administration, the associate said.

WAR WATCH

The report also said US and Israel officials believed that the regime would collapse under intense political pressure soon after the start of the war, allowing for what the Israelis referred to as an "alternative government" to be established.

Known for his hardline views against the US, Ahmadinejad appeared to make a U-turn in when he argued for a rapprochement between Iran and the United States. "Mr Trump is a man of action," Ahmadinejad had said. "He is a businessman and therefore he is capable of calculating cost-benefits and making a decision," he said. *Agencies*

US LOST 42 AIRCRAFT IN IRAN WAR: REPORT

WASHINGTON

AT least 42 US aircraft, including fighter jets and drones, were lost or damaged during Operation Epic Fury launched on February 28 targeting Iran, according to an official report.

The number of aircraft damaged or destroyed may remain subject to revision due to multiple factors, including classification, ongoing combat activity, and attribution, said the report by the Congressional Research Service (CRS). The aircraft losses and damages include four F-15E Strike Eagle fighter jets, one F-35A Lightning II fighter aircraft, one A-10 Thunderbolt II ground-attack aircraft, seven KC-135 Stratotanker aerial refuelling aircraft, one E-3 Sentry AWACS aircraft, two MC-130J Commando II special operations aircraft, one HH-60W Jolly Green II helicopter, 24 MQ-9 Reaper drones and one MQ-4C Triton drone.

The CRS, which provides policy and legal analysis to the US Congress and committees, compiled the losses by perusing news reports and statements by the Department of Defence and the US Central Command.

During a hearing on May 12, Acting Pentagon Comptroller Jules W Hurst III testified that the department's cost estimate for military operations in Iran has increased to nearly USD 30 billion "A lot of that increase comes from having a refined estimate on repair or replacement costs for equipment," he said. *PTI*

US forces board Iranian-flagged oil tanker

Washington: The US military said Marines had boarded an Iranian-flagged oil tanker on Wednesday in the Gulf of Oman that was suspected of attempting to violate Washington's blockade of Iran. "American forces released the vessel after searching and directing the ship's crew to alter course," said Central Command, which oversees US forces in the region, in a post on X. It said that US forces have now redirected 91 commercial ships to ensure compliance with the blockade.

WAR WILL EXPAND BEYOND W ASIA IF US ATTACKS: IRAN

TEHRAN

IRAN'S Revolutionary Guards warned on Wednesday that the war would expand beyond the region if the United States and Israel resume attacks after President Donald Trump said he would strike again unless Tehran agreed a peace deal.

Iran's chief negotiator Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf said on Wednesday that the United States was seeking to restart the war and hoping the Islamic republic would surrender. "The enemy's movements, both overt and clandestine, show that despite economic and political pressure, it has not abandoned its military objectives and is seeking to start a new war," Ghalibaf said in an audio message on his official website.

Ghalibaf's remarks came as Tehran and Washington escalated threats while swapping proposals to end the war, which broke out on February 28.

Ghalibaf said the US was still hoping Iran would surrender and respond favourably to Washington's "excessive demands", by maintaining economic pressure and a naval blockade in place since April 13. "We must strengthen our preparations for an effective and forceful response to any potential attacks," he said, adding that "Iran will never give in to intimidation, under any circumstances".

Ghalibaf acknowledged the economic pressure on Iranians, while appealing for "national unity". "Today it is clearer than ever that we are engaged in a war of wills. Whoever wins this war will write Iran's history and determine its future," he said.

Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei said that the Islamic republic had received a new US proposal and was currently examining it, as a minister from mediator Pakistan visited Tehran.

"We received the points of view of the American side and we are currently examining them. The presence of Pakistan's interior minister is aimed at facilitating the exchange of messages," Baqaei told state television.

He reiterated Iran's demands in talks to end the war including the release of Iranian assets frozen abroad and an end to the US blockade on Iranian ports. *Agencies*

TORRENTIAL RAINS LASH CHINA

An aerial photo shows the flooded Jianjiang river and a flood-hit area in Duyun City in southwest China's Guizhou Province. Torrential rain and floods hit parts of China this week, killing 12 people and forcing tens of thousands of people to evacuate. More than 19,000 had been relocated, Chinese official news agency Xinhua reported | AP

US indicts Castro, asks him to surrender

WASHINGTON

THE United States on Wednesday criminally indicted Cuba's former president Raul Castro, 94, and hinted that Washington could seize him if he does not surrender soon.

"We expect that he will show up here by his own will or by another way and go to prison," acting Attorney General Todd Blanche told a press briefing.

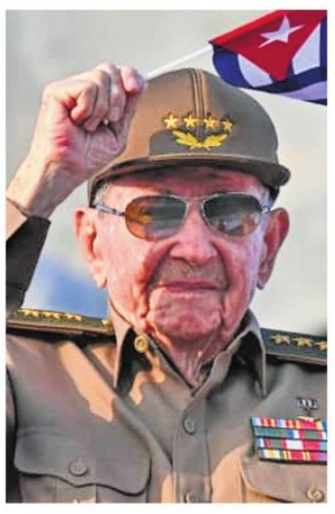
An indictment unsealed in a federal court in Florida charged the influential former president over the 1996 downing of two civilian planes manned by anti-Castro pilots.

The charges added fuel to speculation that President Donald Trump intends to topple the Cuban government.

Trump previously seized on a US domestic indictment to justify military action in January that toppled and seized Venezuela's then president Nicolas Maduro, a staunch ally of the Cuban authorities.

Four people died in the 1996 downing of planes, sending relations plummeting. Two decades later, Raul Castro joined then US president Barack Obama in an effort to reconcile.But Trump reversed Obama's effort to improve relations.

Trump has repeatedly signaled that the Cuban government could be next after Venezuela to fall, and earlier this month even said Washington would be "taking over" the Caribbean island, 145 km from Florida, "almost immediately."



Raul Castro

In a video message to Cuban people in Spanish, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, a Cuban-American, accused the Havana leadership of theft, corruption and oppression. "President Trump is offering a new path between the US and a new Cuba," he said. "A new Cuba where you have a real opportunity to choose who governs your country and vote to replace them if they are not doing a good job."

The US indictment is a "political move with no legal basis," Cuban leader Miguel Diaz-Canel said. The charges aim to "add to the file they are fabricating to justify the folly of a military aggression against Cuba," he said. *AFP*

Google unveils smart glasses, taking on Meta

MOUNTAIN VIEW

GOOGLE on Tuesday unveiled the design of new smart glasses, returning to a market the tech giant tried—and failed—to crack more than a decade ago.

The glasses, expected to go on sale later this year, will challenge Meta which has built a commanding lead with its Ray-Ban smart glasses. The Google's so-called "audio glasses" will be equipped with a microphone, camera and small speaker, and will allow users to make calls, listen to music, take photos and chat with the Gemini AI assistant.

The company, which gave no firm release date or pricing details, unveiled two collections at its annual Google I/O developer conference near its Mountain View, California, headquarters: one from US eyewear brand Warby Parker and another from South Korean designer Gentle Monster.

Samsung handled the technical development. The glasses will be compatible with both Android and Apple phones.

For Google, the launch marks a long-awaited return to a sector where it suffered one of its most high-profile failures: the Google Glass, released in 2013 with an integrated camera, which was shelved after sparking widespread concerns about privacy and surveillance.

This time, the company is betting on design to win consumers over. Google's camera-equipped model is likely to invite the same privacy questions that have followed Meta. *AFP*

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: 952/Gadag/EE(E)/2026-27/864 Date:19.05.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPTCL invites following Office tenders pertaining to Operations Division, Gadag:
(1) Recondition of Failed Capacitor Cell at 110KV S/s Dambal. **(2)** Arresting Oil leakage of 10MVA 110/11KV Power Transformer -1&2 at 110KV S/s Shirahatti. **(3)** Arresting of Oil Leakage of 20MVA 110/33KV Power Transformer-3 at 110KV S/s Mundaragi. **(4)** Recondition of Failed Capacitor Cell at 110KV S/s Mundaragi. **(5)** Arresting of Oil Leakage of 20MVA 110/11KV Power Transformer at 110KV S/s Bellatti. Enquiry Details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned from **21.05.2026 at 10:00 Hrs onwards.** Due date: **04.06.2026 at 4:00 p.m.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele), Operation Division, KPTCL, Bapuji Nagar, Gadag. Ph:08372-234350

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Ref:- VCB/CO/REC/69/2026-27 Date:- 20.05.2026
To,
Dr.Srinivas.D and Dr B N Sudha,
No.50, Shankarmutt Road, Chikkamagalur - 577101
Sir,
Subject: Taking out your articles/belongings which has been kept in your property at chikkamangalur premises.
Reference:- Our letter no VCB/CO/REC/29/2026-27 sent on 21.04.2026. With reference to the above, we would like to inform you that, we have taken possession of the property bearing Municipal No. 13919/9113/434/2781 measuring East to West 178 feet and North to South 50 feet and one more portion measuring East to West 35 feet and North to South 27 feet in all measuring 9845 Sq. Ft. situated in Ward No. 27, Basavana Halli Main Road, Basavana Halli Extension, Chikkamagaluru City as per court order which was mortgaged to our bank. You have not vacated the premises at the time of taking possession. We have given sufficient time for takeout of articles which was belonging to you. However, you have not vacated premises in this regard.
Please inform the bank for takeout the articles/belongings at the premises so that we will make the necessary arrangements for handover of your articles/belongings. If you fail to take back your articles/belongings within 7 days from the date of receipt of this letter, we will be constrained to take/initiate further action in this regard.
This for your kind information
Thanking you.
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.

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(A JV Company of KPCL & BHEL)
CIN : U40101KA2009PLC049582

RPCL invites bids through KPP Portal: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** under **"WORKS"** category from the reputed bidders for the following works.

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)
1.KPCL/2026-27/PS/WORK_INDENT4123/ CALL-2, Date:13.05.2026, Hiring of scaffolding including erection and dismantling, for Unit-1 & 2 of 800 MW boiler during annual overhauling up to 62.6 mtr elevation. Last date of receipt of Tender: **21.05.2026 @ 16:00:00 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the **Executive Engineer (BM/MM),**Mobile: **77956 63949.** E-mail: **eem3rpcl@gmail.com.**
2. KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3978/CALL-4 Date: 14.05.2026 Supply, Erection, Testing, Site Rectification And Commissioning of Belt Conveyor No. BCN-3B of Coal Carrying Capacity 2000 Tonnes Per Hour. Last Date & Time for bid submission along with Technical & Financial bid (Part I & II)**: 30.05.2026 upto 17:30 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the **Executive Engineer(CHP)M**, Mobile: **+91-8277502840.** E-mail: **eechpmytpskpcl@karnataka.gov.in/ eechprpcl@gmail.com**
3. KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT4049/CALL-2 ,Dated: 14.05.2026, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Unit-1 BTG Battery Bank-II for 2X160KVA UPS system. Last Date & Time for bid submission along with Technical & Financial bid (Part I & II): **29.05.2026 upto17:00Hrs.** Any further details can be obtained from the **Executive Engineer(I&C)-1,YTPS, RPCL, Yeramarus Thermal Power Station, Yeramarus- 584134, Raichur District,** Mobile: **+91-9449598895,** E-mail: **eeic1ytps@gmail.com,** Website: **www.kpcl.karnataka.gov.in.**

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Public are informed that my clients **Mr. SATISH U AND Mrs. VEDA N** are purchasing the property bearing **Residential Vacant Site No. 02,** Old Katha No. 50, BBMP Old Katha No. 50/2 New BBMP EPID No. 6883650352 measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet in all totally measuring 1200 Square Feet formed out of Sy. No. 50/2 situated at Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk bounded on East by : Site No.3, West by : Site No. 1, North by : Gramatana Road Limits and South by : Property Katha No. 50/2 from **Mr. Manjunath S, S/o. Siddappa** and entered into Sale Agreement on 13-05-2026.
Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within 15 Days from the date of this Advertisement. In the absence of any claims within above said period. It shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have been made, it shall be deemed to have been waived.
M. Vasanth Kumar, Advocate
No. 25, "Skandashree Nilaya"
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PUBLIC NOTICE
I the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Sri. Devaraj. M, S/o Late. Munivekatappa** Aged about 66 years, R/at; Mandibele Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk and Bengaluru Rural District, have filed the above petition for the death certificate of **Late M. Pillappa S/o Late Munivenkatappa who died on 09.041991** at Mandibele Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble 2nd Additional Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and the date of hearing **on 04.07.2026 at 11 A.M. in C.Mis No. 370/2026.**
By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli HASEEN TAJ, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the General Public that my client Mr.Yeshwanth B S/o Mr.D.Balaji is purchasing the property from Pramila.V W/o Venkatesh.V and Mr.Yeshwanth B S/o Mr.D Balaji mortgaging the said Eastern portion of property bearing Site No.13, Property No.292/20/1/13, EPID No.7374475802, Assessment No.20/1 measuring East to West 15 feet North to South 37 feet totally measuring 555 square feet, situated at Hegganahalli Village, Sanjeevini Nagara, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, to ICICI Home Finance Limited.
If any person or persons have any right, title, interest, claim, or objection whatsoever in respect of the above said property, they are hereby required to notify the undersigned in writing with documentary proof within 10 (Ten) days from the date of publication of this notice.
Failing which, it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all encumbrances, and my client shall be at liberty to proceed with the transaction without any further reference.
Deepa A.M, Advocate
No.6, 80 feet Road, Chandra Layout, Vijayanagar Bangalore 560040, **KAR/474/2012**
dated: 20.05.2026

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DEMAND NOTICE
(NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)
NOTICE is hereby given that the following borrower/s have availed loan from **Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd (ESFB).** The said borrower/s had/have failed to repay as per the loan repayment schedule/s and their loan account/s has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset as per the guidelines issued by RBI. The details of the secured immovable properties, loan and the amounts outstanding as on date payable by the borrower/s are mentioned below. The borrower(s) and the public in general are informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrower(s) under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and not to deal with the said property, on failure to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names **within 60 (Sixty) days of this notice,** the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property/ies and sell the same.
Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s): 1.Ms.K.Hemalatha D/o.Mr.Kemparaj Gowda, **2. Mr.K.Chetan,** S/o.Mr.Kemparaj Gowda, **3. Mrs.P.Padma** W/o.Kemparaju, **All are residing at:** No.156/A, 2nd Main Road, 5th Cross Street, Bapuji Nagar, Bangalore Government Electric Factory Bangalore – 560026.
Demand Notice: 16/05/2026, Loan Account No. LAP–700010265698, LAP–700010265629, Outstanding Amount: Rs. 30,68,108/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand One Hundred and Eight Only) as on 15/05/2026. NPA Date :11-05-2026 .
SCHEDULE OF SECURED ASSET/S: Residential Property owned by Mrs. P.Padma: All that piece and parcel of the Property Bearing No.156/A, M.L.No.156/A/16, PID No.42-20-156A/16, situated 3rd Cross, Bapujinagara Extension, Mysore Road, Corporation Division No.29/A, Bangalore now comes under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore Vijayanagara Sub Division, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet and bounded on: - East By :- Vacant site, West By :-Road, North By :- House No.156/B, South By :- Road . Together with all buildings and structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easementary/mamool rights annexed thereto.
Date : 16.05.2026 **Authorized Officer,**
Place: Chennai **Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd**

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002
The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co- borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice
1	124161294	Loan Against Property	1. Ravi HS 2. Chikkatayamma S	17.04.2026	INR 6,85,896.09/-

Property Address : All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing No. 11, Having RDPR Unique Code No./porperty No And E-katha No. 152900401200900218, According To From 9 And 11a Issued By The Office Of The Rural Development & Panchayath Raj, Hunasanahalli Grama Panchayathi, Situated At: Village: Hebbagodi, Taluk And District: Ramanagara, Karnataka-562159, Measuring East To West: 14.020 Meters & North To South 7.62 Meters, In Total Measuring 106.84 Sq. Meters And Thereon Building Measuring 106.84 Sq. Meters, And Bounded As: **East : Road, West : House Of Thimmakka, North : House Of Siddamma, South : House Of Puttathayamma.**
You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) .** Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.
Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
Date : 21.05.2026 **(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited**
Place : Ramanagara, Karnataka **and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)**

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MARKET			GOLD*			SILVER*			FOREX		
117.54	▲ Sensex	75,318.39	₹1,310	▲ 24 carat (10 gm)	₹158,500	₹5,000	▼ 1 kg	₹280,000	▲ Dollar	96.84	
41	▲ Nifty	23,659	₹1,200	▲ 22 carat (10 gm)	₹145,300	₹50	▼ 10 gm	₹2,800	▲ Euro	112.37	

*Delhi Mandi Price

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Insta home help cos burn cash as competition rises

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

INDIA'S instant home services market is rapidly emerging as the next major battleground in the country's consumer internet sector, with companies including Urban Company, Pronto and Snabbit pouring millions of dollars into ultra-fast domestic labour delivery even as losses mount and profitability remains uncertain.

The shift marks the latest evolution of India's quick-commerce boom, where the promise of 10-minute grocery deliveries is now extending to household chores such as cleaning, dishwashing, laundry and meal preparation.

Urban Company said its rapid-response home services platform InstaHelp, launched only this financial year, delivered 2.7 million orders and a net transaction value of ₹40 crore in the March quarter, with March alone crossing 1.1 million orders. The business reported an adjusted EBITDA loss of ₹119 crore during the quarter as the company increased spending on customer acquisition, supply onboarding and micro-market expansion.

"We are investing to win, and we intend to stay ahead," cofounder and chief executive Abhiraj Singh Bhal said during the company's earnings call. The company's aggressive push comes amid a surge of investor interest in instant home services startups. Earlier this month, Pronto raised $20 million in fresh funding from venture capitalist Lachy Groom, doubling its valuation to $200 million within two months. The company said its daily bookings had jumped from 3,000 in December to more than 26,000 currently.

Snabbit, another fast-growing player in the segment, raised $56 million in April in a funding round led by Susquehanna Venture Capital, Mirae Asset Venture Investments and Bertelsmann India Investments. The company said it crossed one million monthly jobs in March. Recently, in a report, Morgan Stanley said combined monthly active users across Urban Company, Pronto and Snabbit reached 10.4 million in March, underlining the rapid adoption of app-based home services.

Investors and founders say the category is being driven by changing urban lifestyles, rising dual-income households and increasing consumer willingness to outsource routine chores. However, companies acknowledge that the business remains heavily loss-making as platforms race to lock in neighbourhood level supply density and customer loyalty. Urban Company lost ₹447 on every InstaHelp order, Bhal said. "InstaHelp lost ₹447 per order in Q4, higher than ₹381 it lost on every order in Q3."

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EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Household equity investments rise to ₹7L cr in FY25

Primary mkt investments at ₹6.32 lakh cr in FY25

Of the total investments, primary market investments accounted for ₹6.32 lakh crore in FY25, led by mutual funds at ₹5.13 lakh crore and IPOs at ₹95,139 crore.

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

HOUSEHOLD savings parked in the securities market—both direct investments into equities and through mutual funds — have nearly doubled to ₹6.91 lakh crore in FY25, up from ₹3.58 lakh crore in the previous fiscal, indicating that financial assets are increasingly gaining favour among the households.

As per a paper authored by Sebi officials, household savings channelled through the securities market form a crucial component of financial savings and are emerging as an attractive alternative to traditional assets such as gold and real estate. Gross savings-to-GDP ratio for FY25 increased by 47 bps to 34.94% from 34.47%.

As per the paper, household savings through the securities market rose from ₹2.60 lakh crore in FY23 to ₹3.58 lakh crore in FY24 and further to ₹6.91 lakh crore in FY25. Of this, primary market investments accounted for ₹6.32 lakh crore in FY25, led by mutual funds at ₹5.13 lakh crore and IPOs at ₹95,139 crore.

Secondary market investments contributed ₹59,452 crore, supported by net investments in debt securities, exchange-traded funds, Reits and Invits.

RIDING THE BULL

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The paper notes that household savings through the securities market amounted to 2.17% of GDP in FY25 up from 1.71% in the previous year. Similarly, the household savings-to-GDP ratio improved to 21.7% from 21.23%, while net household financial savings rose to 7.10% of GDP from 6.63%.

While physical assets like gold and real estate have conventionally been preferred, financial assets are gaining popularity due to their potential for higher returns and liquidity, the study, based on data from the RBI and the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, released Wednesday said.

Commenting on the numbers, Jimeet Modi, founder of Samco Group, said the most notable takeaway from the study is that households were net sellers of direct equity worth ₹54,786 crore in FY25, following net sales of ₹69,329 crore in the previous year, even as they made record investments in MFs.

Proposed facility will be available to listed, EPFO registered companies, AMCs

Soon you can authorise employer to make mutual fund investments

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

PROPOSING payroll-linked mutual fund payments just like provident funds or pension funds, Sebi has proposed allowing third-party mutual fund payments by an employer or payment of distributor commissions by mutual fund houses on behalf of the investor, provided adequate safeguards are in place.

The regulator said it has received requests from stakeholders to relax the current norms for third-party payments in certain cases such as payment by employers, payment of commissions by fund houses etc.

The regulator has floated a draft framework to permit certain forms of third-party payments in MFs, a major move from the existing regime that requires investments to originate from an investor's own bank account which must be routed through RBI-authorised payment aggregators or Sebi-recognised clearing corporations.

After receiving feedback from the industry, Sebi feels there is a need to review the existing framework for third-party payments in the MF segment by permitting specific, well-defined scenarios where such payments may be allowed without compromising the objectives of investor protection and compliance with the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

"The intent is to strike a balanced approach that facilitates ease of investing in genuine cases while reinforcing robust safeguards against potential misuse," Sebi said in a consultation paper issued on Wednesday. The consultation paper proposes allowing employers, mutual fund houses, and even social contribution structures to participate in regulated third-party payment mechanisms, while ensuring anti-money laundering safeguards and investor protection norms. Accordingly, Sebi proposes an employer can pay for its employees' investments in MF units via payroll deduction.

One of the key proposals is to allow employers to invest in mutual fund schemes on behalf of their employees through salary deductions. According to the draft paper, the facility will be available only to listed companies, EPFO registered companies and asset management companies themselves. Employees would have to explicitly opt in to the arrangement, and the investments would continue to be credited in the employee's own name.

"The proposed scenario acknowledges the established practice of employers offering various benefits and savings avenues to their employees. This mechanism would also allow asset management companies to accept consolidated payments for mutual fund investments through salary deduction," Sebi said.

SEBI PROPOSES

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Sebi draft paper

Proposes allotting MF units instead of commission

The proposed scenario to allot MF units instead of commission as agreed between the fund house and distributor will provide a convenient and disciplined way for the distributors to invest in MF units and will encourage them to save and invest for the long term, Sebi said.

PRODUCTION

Core sector growth rises to 1.7% in April

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WITH the growth in the core sector, which comprises eight industries, rose 1.7% year-on-year in April, up from 1.2% in March, driven by strong output in steel, cement and electricity, even as five of the eight core industries remained in contraction.

The index of eight core industries comprises coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement and electricity.

These industries account for 40.27% of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), a broader measure of factory output in the economy.

Output in energy-linked sectors remained weak in April. Coal production declined 8.7% YoY, while crude oil output fell 3.9% and natural gas production fell 4.3%, according to provisional data released by the commerce and industry ministry on Tuesday. Petroleum refinery products also declined 0.5% during the month.

The fertiliser sector output declined 8.6% YoY in April. However, the contraction was significantly lower than the 24.6% fall recorded in March.

Steel production rose 6.2% year-on-year in April, cement output increased 9.4%, while electricity generation expanded 4.1%, supporting the overall index growth.

Fertiliser output fell 8.6% although the pace of decline moderated sharply from March's 24.6% contraction. Petroleum refinery products remained in negative territory with a 0.5% decline during the month.

ENERGY

BPCL raises spot crude oil buying to 60%

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

STATE-owned oil marketing company Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited on Wednesday said it has increased its spot purchase of crude oil to 60% due to the ongoing conflict in West Asia.

The company, during its investor call for the fourth-quarter results, said it had initially planned to procure 45% of its crude requirement through spot purchases. However, disruptions in crude supply through the Strait of Hormuz — a key waterway that handles nearly 20% of global crude supply and around 40% of India's crude imports — forced the company to raise spot purchases to 60%.

"At the beginning of the year, we had allocated around 55% of our requirement through term contracts. But we are not getting the full term quantities. We are getting around 45–46% of our term requirement because there are constraints in the Strait of Hormuz. The roughly 10% shortfall is being met through spot purchases. Initially, we had planned for 45% spot procurement, but now it is around 60%," said the company in an investor call.

BPCL further said several grades of crude are available in the spot market, but Russia continues to remain the major source of procurement. The company increased its Russian crude procurement from 25% in Q3 to 31% in Q4 and said it continues to rise to bridge supply gaps arising from the current geopolitical situation.

Q4 RESULTS FY26

Ola Electric reports ₹500cr loss

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OLA Electric reported a loss of ₹500 crore on revenue of ₹265 crore for the quarter ending March 2026 (Q4FY26). The losses narrowed on an annual basis as the electric two-wheeler company had reported a loss of ₹870 crore in the year-ago quarter (Q4FY25).

However, it widened sequentially as the company had reported a Rs 487 crore loss in the December quarter (Q3FY26). Owing to a steep decline in sales, revenue from operations fell nearly 57% cent year-on-year to Rs 265 crore in Q4FY26 from Rs 611 crore in the same quarter last fiscal. Sequentially, revenue declined 44% from Rs 470 crore in the December quarter.

For the full financial year (FY26), Ola Electric reported revenue from operations of Rs 2,253 crore, down 50% from Rs 4,514 crore in FY25. Annual net loss narrowed 19.5% to Rs 1,833 crore from Rs 2,276 crore a year earlier. Deliveries, meanwhile, fell from 307,846 units in FY25 to 173,794 units in FY26.

Ola Electric said that it enters FY27 focused on scaling with discipline. The company's priorities are to recover volumes, sustain service consistency, hold margin leadership, reduce opex, ramp the Gigafactory, transition the auto portfolio deeper into its own cells.

BANKS CAN BLOCK FINANCED PHONES FOR DEFAULT: RBI

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

BANKS may be allowed to block phones and disable other electronic devices bought on loan, in case the borrower defaults, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said in its second draft guidelines on loan recovery, released on Wednesday.

However, RBI clarified that banks cannot restrict the mobile phones of defaulting borrowers to recover personal, car, or home loans.

According to the proposed norms, banks can restrict devices bought on loan if the dues are pending for more than 90 days and recovery notices have been served on time. Also, such an action may be taken only if the loan contract "expressly and unambiguously permits" it, the draft proposal noted.

Restricting the targeted phones or devices could be done by deploying any technology-based mechanism. However, the bank cannot restrict essential functionalities such as access to internet, incoming calls, emergency SOS features, and receipt of emergency government notifications.

Also, the restrictions must be listed within one hour of the borrower curing the default.

The draft proposal also specifies conduct rules for recovery personnel. The guidelines say recovery calls and visits will be allowed only between 8 am and 7 pm, and agents will be barred from using intimidation, abusive language, public humiliation, social media shaming, or excessive calling.

ACTION MUST REFLECT IN LOAN AGREEMENT

The draft guidelines categorically state that banks may resort to disabling electronic devices only if the loan agreement has such a clause. RBI will accept public feedback till May 31 and proposes to implement the norms from October 1, 2026

Business & Beyond

Ajay Singh Yadav takes charge as project chief at NTPC Talcher Kaniha

TALCHER KANIHA: Ajay Singh Yadav has taken over the charge of Head of Project (HOP) at NTPC Talcher Kaniha, the third largest power generating station of NTPC Limited, the Maharatna company of Govt of India. With a cumulative experience of over 36 years in NTPC, Yadav brings strong technical expertise and leadership acumen. His professional journey in NTPC started on 5th September 1989 as an Executive Trainee in the Mechanical stream. Yadav holds a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Mechanical Engineering from Jiwaji University, Gwalior, and a Post Graduate Diploma in Management from Management Development Institute (MDI), Gurgaon.

JK Paper Mills, Rayagada honoured with 'Greentech CSR India Gold Award 2026'

RAYAGADA: JK Paper Mills, JKpur, Rayagada has been honoured with "Greentech CSR India Gold Award 2026" under category "Welfare of Divyangs" for its work in the field of Corporate Social Responsibility. The award was presented during the Greentech CSR India Awards 2026 ceremony held in New Delhi on May 13. Ramdas Athawale, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and presented the award.

General Body Meeting of BOB Retired Officers' Association

BHUBANESWAR: Bank of Baroda Retired Officers' Association was having its General body meeting in Bhubaneswar. General Secretary VB Chavan had inaugurated the program. Dy General Secretary Ketan Dave, Zonal presidents DB Mukhopadhaya, Zonal Secretary Harisadhan Banerjee were present. AIBPARC State president AK Motayed and secretary Niranjan Jogania had addressed the meeting. Zonal VP kulamani Behera had conducted the program. National VP Umesh pat and zonal committee Members were also present.

Rupee kissing distance away from touching 97

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

BLEEDING for the ninth consecutive day, the rupee depreciated 16 paise to close to a fresh lifetime low of 96.86 against the US dollar on Wednesday as elevated global crude prices amid the West Asia crisis stoked inflation worries.

The currency is now the most undervalued globally in 12 years, and analysts are of the opinion that more weakening of the rupee will not boost exports as such gains will be offset by rising import costs.

Last May, the rupee had averaged at 85.50, marking a 11.9% year-on-year fall and close to 8% so far this year, making it the worst performing Asian currency in for the third year in a row.

Traders said the RBI is spending an estimated $1 billion a day on currency intervention. While dollar demand from importers is rising continuously, there is hardly any dollar sale by exporters, leading to the mismatch.

Meanwhile, the RBI has announced a $5-billion dollar-rupee buy-sell swap auction on May 26, to inject liquidity amid rising forex concerns.

The rupee's sharp decline has emerged as one of the biggest economic warning signs for policymakers, investors and businesses, the decline largely driven by capital outflow, expensive oil, widening trade deficits and a surging US dollar.

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We, **RBL Bank Limited** the secured creditor of Applicant & Co-Applicant mentioned in column no.2 below inform you all that your account has been classified as Non-performing Account in our accounts pursuant to your defaults in making payment/ repayment of principal and interest. An amount is now due and payable by you together with further interest thereon to **RBL Bank Ltd.** In spite of our repeated demands you have not paid the amount(s) outstanding in your account(s) and you have not discharged your liabilities. We, therefore, issued notice under section 13(2) of Chapter III of the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 demanding payment of the above mentioned amounts together with further interest applicable at the contracted rates, costs, charges, other moneys to discharge your liabilities in full within **60 days** from the date of the notice.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower, Loan Amount & Loan Account No.	Description of the property mortgaged	NPA Date & Amount O/s
1	1. **Subhrajyoti DE,** 41 1 2nd Floor 10th Main Mathikere EXTN Bangalore-560054. FCG, Software Services(I) P Ltd. Working As Sr. Software Engineer H.M Eleganza, 31 Musium Road Bangalore-560025. **(Borrower), 2. Anindita DE,** 41 1 2nd Floor 10th Main Mathikere EXTN Bangalore-560054. **(Co- Borrower).** **Loan Amount: Rs.14,45,000/-** **Loan Account No. 9224920**	**Schedule I: Schedule Of Property -A:** All the proportionate undivided share of land admeasuring 354.64 Sg.ft or 32.95 /sg.mtrs out of residential converted land admeasuring 54885.1.Sq.ft or 5104.31 sq.mtrs covered by Block No. A is part of the 3 acres at Survey No. 24/6,Seeghehalli village, Bidrahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore,.Vide: Katha No. 754; in Janapriya Sai Darshan are bounded by: **East By:** Mr. Dasappa's Land, **West By:** Hoskote Anekal Road. **North By:** Mr. Krishna Singh's Land, **South By:** Remaining Portion Of 09 Guntas Of Mr. K.M Ashfar Ahmed & Mr. Appaiah's Land. **Schedule Of Property -B:** Apartment Semifinished Flat bearing No. 5272 in the Second Floor of A Block, constructed on the Schedule-A Property measuring Super-built-up area of 1430 sq.ft Constructed in R.C.C roofing. Ceramic flooring, salwood doors and Aluminum windows thereon and bounded on: **East By:** Open to Sky, **West By:** Passage to Staircase , **North By:** Flat No.5271, **South By:** Open Sky.	**NPA Date: 4th May 2026** **Total amount of Rs.4,45,188.88/-** **Outstanding due as on: 12.05.2026** **Demand Notice Date: 14.05.2026**

Now the authorized officer of **RBL Bank Ltd.** do hereby publish the contents of the above demand notice as provided under the Rules for discharge your liabilities in full, failing which, we shall, without any further reference, be constrained to enforce the following security created by you in our favour by exercising any or all the rights given under the said Act. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **RBL Bank** against the borrower and the guarantors of the said financial under law. You are further requested to note that as per section13(13) of the said Act, you are restrained/prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of above secured asset, without our prior written consent.

Place: Bangalore, Date: 21-05-2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, RBL BANK LTD.**

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) **(HDFC)** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **HDFC,** within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below in their respective names, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realization, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to **HDFC** by the said Borrower (s) respectively.

Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(f)
1	**Mr. Victor Moses (Borrower)** **Tata Tele Services Limited** **Designation:** Sr Manager **Department:** Sales **Employee No:** 46950 Block A, Silicon Terraces, 30/1, Hosur Main Road, Koramangala, Bengaluru 560095. **Also at:** Zee Regency, No 9 Cookson Road, Richards Town, Bengaluru 560005 **Also at:** 10/19, Old Byappanahalli, M S Nagar, Bengaluru 560033. **Also at:** Flat-6052, Floor-05, Building-6, Optima, New Heaven-1(Twr 1-20), S No. Sy.No.2/3,2/4, 3/2,3/3,4/2, Sy.No. 2/3,2/4,3/2,3/3& 4/2, Sheshagirirao Palya, Village, Dasanapura Hobli Bangalore 562123.	**Loan A/c Nos. 616372442 Rs.14,67,066/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Sixty Six Only) as on 31.03.2026**	**08.05.2026** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.02.2026**	**SCHEDULE "A PROPERTY:** All those pieces and parcels of land converted for partially residential and partially commercial purpose bearing Huskur Village Panchayath Katha No. 2363/449 comprising of Sy.Nos. 2/3, 2/4, 3/2, 3/3, and 4/2 in all measuring 25 Acres 21 Guntas equivalent to 1112307 Sq.Ft, (103374.25 SQM) all situated at Sheshagirirao palya Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk (earlier Nelamangala Taluk), Bangalore and bounded as follows: On or towards the **East** : Road; On or towards the **West** :Sy.No.2/2 and 4/3 (now part of Kanva Gardens Layout); On or towards the **North** :Sy.No.3/1 and 4/1 (now part of Kanva Gardens Layout), On or towards the **South** : Pillahalli Village Boundary; **Out of the Schedule Property, the following areas have been relinquished;** (a) an area of 188154.75 Sq.Ft (17480 SQM) being the area relinquished for park and open spaces: (b) an area of 76820.94 Sq. Ft (7136.84 SQM) towards road access; and (c) an area of 47038.68 Sq.Ft (4370 SQ.Mtrs) towards Civic Amenity Site (CA. Site). to the Nelamangala Planning Authority under the Relinquishment Deed dated 20.09.2012. And the remaining extent of 800292.31 Sq. Ft (74376.60 SQM) equivalent to 18 Acres 35 Guntas being the Property available for distribution of the undivided share. **SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY:** All those pieces and parcels of land converted for partially residential and partially commercial purpose bearing Huskur Village Panchayath Katha No. 2363/449 comprising of Sy.Nos. 2/3, 2/4, 3/2, 3/3, and 4/2 in all measuring 21 Acres 24 Guntas equivalent to 800292.31 Sq.Ft, (74736.60 SQM) out of Schedule A Property and TATA NEW HAVEN is constructed on an area of 468682.24 Sq.Ft (43557.82 SQM), all situated at Sheshagirirao palya Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk (earlier Nelamangala Taluk), Bangalore. **SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY :** An undivided 0.371%, (zero point three seven one percent) share equivalent to 302 Sq.Ft in the land comprised in the Schedule A Property. **SCHEDULE "D" PROPERTY:** A **2 Bed Room** Apartment with vitrified Flooring bearing **No.6052**, on the, 5th Floor, situated in the Block No.6, of the Apartment Complex known as Optima, in the project **"The TATA NEW HAVEN",** having a carpet area of 578 Sq. Ft equivalent to **53.69 sq. mtr** carpet area, and super built up area of **75.62 Sq.Mtr** equivalent **to 814 Sq.Ft** (Which is inclusive of proportionate common areas) together with exclusive right to use of **1 covered Car Parking space.**
2	**Mr. Tajuddin Shaik (Borrower)** **Hinduja Global Solutions Limited** **Designation:** Deputy Manager **Department:** Traning No 614, Vajpayee Nagar, Bommanahalli Hosur Road, Bangalore 560068 **Also at: Visage Holdings and Finance Private Limited,** **Designation:** Senior Manager, **Department:** PMO **Employee No.:** V150261, No 353, 7th Main, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru 560038. **Mr. Tajuddin Shaik (Borrower)** **Mrs. Shaik Rukhsana (Co-Borrower)** **Both are residing at:** 66 1st Floor, 4th Main KHM Block RT Nagar, Near Ujjwal Restaurant, RT Nagar, Bengaluru 560032.	**Loan A/c Nos. 1) 617979479 Rs.20,44,201/- 2) 618601321 Rs.1,44,769/- 3) 630284587 Rs.10,24,621/- 4) 630640441 Rs.41,285/- Total Amount Rs.32,54,876/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Six Only) as on 31.03.2026**	**08.05.2026** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 05.03.2026**	**Schedule A: Item No.1:** All that piece and parcel of residentially immovable property bearing portion of vacant corporation Site No.14/1, Situated at 2nd E Cross, Sultanpalya, Matadahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, 95th Division, Bangalore North Taluk, Ward No.95, Kavalbyrasandra, havid PID No.95-21-14/1, measuring East to West 59.5 ft., and North to South on the Eastern Side measuring 65.5 ft and North to South on the Western side measuring 69.5 ft., totally measuring 4016 S.ft., and nounded on the; **East :** Remaining Portion Of Site NO.14/1 Belonging To The Vendor; **West** : Private Property/Road; **North** : Private Property Belonging To M/S Vaishnvi Constructions; **South** : Remaining Portion of Site No.14/1 belonging to the Vendor; **Item No.2:** All that piece and parcel of residentially immovable property bearing vacant Site No.52/1, Matadahalli Village, KasabaHobli, 46th Division, Bangalore North Taluk, New No.14/1, Ward No.95, Kavalbyrasandra, 2nd 'E' Cross, Sultanpalya having PID No.95-21-14/1, measuring East to West on the Western side 67 ft., and East to West on the Easter side 63 ft., North to South on the Southern side 72 ft., and North to South on the Northern 78 ft., totally measuring **5200 Sq.ft.,** and bounded on the: **East** : Private Property ; **West** : Property belonging to Anupama Prakash; **North** : Private Property ; **South** : 30 feet Road **Item No.3:** All that piece and parcel of residentially immovable corporation Property bearing 23/1, Situated at Matadahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, 95th Division, Bangalore North Taluk, Ward No.95, Kavalbyrasandra, having PID No.95-21-23/1, measuring East to West 89 ft., and North to South 59 ft., totally measuring **5251 Sq.ft.,** and bounded on the: **East :** Private Property belonging to UP Harish ; **West** : Site No.23/1 Belonging to Vaishnavi Constructions; **North** : 30 Feet Corporation Road; **South** : Private Property belonging to M/s Vaishnavi Constructions. **Amalgamated Description of Item No.1,2 & 3 in Schedule A Property** All that piece and parcel of residentially immovable property bearing portion of vacant corporation Site No.14/1, Situated at 2nd E Cross, Sultanpalya, formerly Matadahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, 95th Division, Bangalore North Taluk, Ward No.95, Kavalbyrasandra, having PID No.95-21-14/1, measuring East to West on the Southern side 72 ft., Northern side 89 ft., and North to South on the Eastern Side measuring 122 ft, South Western Side 68.5 ft., and North to South on the North Western side measuring 59 ft., totally measuring 14,631 Sq.ft., and bounded on the: **East** : Private Property; **West :** Private Properties; **North** : Sultanpalya 4th Main Road and Property belonging to M/s Vaishnavi constructions; **South** : Road. **Schedule B: 327 square feet** of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule A Property mentioned above. **Schedule C:** Residential **2 BHK** Apartment bearing **No.2C**, in Second Floor of Residential Apartment Building known as **"PRAKASH EMERALD"** constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property admeasuring **1007 Sq.ft. of super built area** (inclusive of balconies and proportionate share in the common areas with **One covered Car Parking space** in the basement, along with **327Sq.ft. u**ndivided share, right, title and interest along with proportionate share in common areas such as passages, Lobbies, Lift and Staircase contained in the multistoried building constructed on Schedule 'A' land Property. The Apartment is constructed with concrete blocks and cement, R.C.C. roof, flush doors, wooden windows and Vitrified Tiles flooring.

*with further interest cost, expenses, and charges as applicable incurred till the date of payment and / or realization. If the said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) fail to make payment to **HDFC Bank Limited** as aforesaid, then **HDFC Bank Limited** shall proceed against the above Secured Asset / Immovable Property under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.

The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset / Immovable Property, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **HDFC Bank Limited**. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date : 21.05.2026 **For HDFC Bank Ltd.**
Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate on behalf of our client **Sri. Yogesh Kumar T.D** says that his grandfather, namely **Govindaswamy S/o Late Byrappa died on 10-06-1971** at the residence of Tarabanahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District. If any Dispute regarding the same can appear before The Addl. Civil Judge and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli 11:00 A.M and date of hearing **on 24-06-2026 in C.Mis.No.430/2026.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
M. MURTHY, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

I the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Smt. Saraswathi.M, W/o Channappa, D/o Late. B. Marappa** have filed the above petition for death certificate of **Sri.Bachappa S/o Late Dodda Marappa, as 10/05/1980** Residing at Kundana Village and Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District if any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the 2nd Addl Civil Judge and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli and date of hearing **on 06-07-2026 at 11-00 A.M in C.Mis.No.362/2026.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Manjunatha.R and Nayana H.M, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate on behalf of our clients **Sri. Ramanjini Rao & another** says that their mother, namely **Bhavani Bai W/o Late Manoji Rao died on 05-02-1993** at the residence of Tarabanahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District. If any Dispute regarding the same can appear before The Addl. Civil Judge and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli 11:00 A.M and date of hearing **on 24-06-2026 in C.Mis.No.429/2026.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
M. MURTHY, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client THIS PROPERTY BEING PURCHASED BY :: SHANTINATH GANDHI & ASHA GANDHI (Mobile : 93422 57227) at 'E' Auction carried under SARFAESI Act 2002 by JM FINANCIAL LTD, Head Office Mumbai, Branch Kengeri, Bangalore carried against mortgage debtor Mr.ALPESH.S.HARIA, Taps Serenity, No.2/1A Old No.12/11A, 15th Main, 50 feet Road, Muneshwara Block, Banashankari, Bangalore-560026.

PERSONS HAVING ANY LEGAL AND LAWFUL AND EVIDENT CLAIMS, DEMANDS, DISPUTES OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS IN THIS REGARD MAY PUTFORTH THEIR CLAIMS TO THE ABOVE PURCHASERS WITHIN 7(Seven) DAYS FROM THIS DATE.

Non compliance or delayed contacts against this notice will be deemed that there are no such legal impediments, lawful claims or demands of any kind from whomsoever against this property or against the above purchasers and for any of such claims made after the above stipulated period are not valid.

Office Address :
Chandrahasa .M.R, Advocate
No. 2, Ground Floor, 'ASVNV CENTENARY BHAVAN', K G Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009. Mob : 9741485539
DATE: 20.05.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that my client **Mr. M.P. ANTHONY,** S/o. Mr. M.D. Paul, No. 779, 8th Cross, Vinobha Nagar, K.G. Halli, Bangalore-560045, is the absolute owner of property bearing **Municipal No. New 9**, (earlier Site No.1, Premises No. 779, in a portion of House List Assessment No. 83, Khata No. 234), situated at 8th Cross, **VINOBHA NAGAR,** in Kadugondanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, under BBMP, Ward # 30, of which the 1st Page Original of his Absolute Sale Deed vide document No. BLN-1-11332-2004-05 in Book-I, stored in CD No. BLND13, dated 15.06.2004, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, has **LOST/MISPLACED**, pertaining to the above said property.

If the above said Original 1st Page of the above Absolute Sale Deed is found by any person/s, please inform or return the same to the undersigned **Advocate within 7 days,** finders will be suitably rewarded, subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

Sd/- **MUKTHAR AHMED, M.Com., LL.B.,**
No. 140, 2nd Floor, M.M. Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005, Ph : 99454-11052.
Place : Bangalore, Dated: 20-05-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mr. D. Abdul Hameed S/o Late Mr. Sheik Dawood Saheb, Aged about 76 years, Canadian National, R/o #505, Razaksab Palya, Bagaluru Post, Bangalore North – 562 149, and 12 other co-executants, have revoked the General Power of Attorney dated 12th December 2024 registered as Document No. BNG(U) YLNK 510/ 2024-25 in Book IV at the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, that they had executed in favour of M/s. Kammasandra Lands Pvt. Ltd., D. No. 8-2-293/82/A, Plot No. 1214, Road No. 60, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-500 033, Telangana, represented by Mr. A. Srinivas. The public is hereby requested not to deal with M/s. Kammasandra Lands Pvt. Ltd. or Mr. A. Srinivas or any person claiming under the said General Power of Attorney in respect of the aforesaid properties. Any transaction entered into in reliance on the said revoked General Power of Attorney shall be void.

M.V.Vedachala. Advocate
#38 1st floor 2nd cross lower palace orchards gutthalli Bangalore-560003 Near HDFC Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **Smt. Saraswathi,** W/o. Sri.Shankar, intends to purchase the notice schedule property from Smt. Yashoda.K.V, wife of Sri.Shekar.K, No.24, Devanathachar Street, Chamarajpet, Bangalore 560 018, valuable consideration for a Any person/s, Banks, Institutions, etc., asserting any right, claim, charge or interest over the notice schedule property or any part of the same, or any one opposing the said transaction, may lodge their claim with the under-signed within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice, with documentary proof in support of their claim.

That my client shall proceed to complete the said sale transaction after the said period, if no valid claims are made by any party within the said period, presuming that, there are no claims from any body whatsoever.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Northern portion of immovable property No.6, Old Municipal No.90/1, New Municipal No. 16/11-1, PID No. 45-16-16/11-1, bearing EPID No. 1236451884, situated at Vittal Nagar, within the limits of the BBMP, Ward No. 141, Bangalore, measuring East to West 39-0 (Thirty Nine Feet), North to South 15-0 (fifteen Feet), totally measuring 585 Square feet, together with the building constructed thereon, and bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Property of K.Abdul kareem, and Mariyappa, North by: Property No.7, belonging to Krishnappa, South by: Southern portion of the property No.6,

K.H.THIMME GOWDA, Advocate
Off: #28/1, 1st Floor, Shopping Complex, Konanakunte Cross, Kanakapura Main Road, Bengaluru-560 111. Res. : # 10, 8th Main, 3rd Cross, Srinidhi Layout, Konanakunte, Bengaluru-560 062. Mob:9980029928
Email: kh.thimmegowda@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the Residential Premises bearing Municipal No.538, PID No.70-70-538, Property New E.PID No.5337426840, situated at Akkithimmenahalli Extension/ Layout, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru, (BBMP Ward No.117-Shanthinagar), built on a site measuring East to West 7.60 metres and North to South 6.40 metres in all measuring 48.64 square metres or 523.3 square feet, consisting of Ground, First and Second Floors from 1) Sri. M. Krishnappa S/o. Late Kote Muniswamappa 2) Smt. Nagarathnamma W/o. Sri. M. Krishnappa.

Anybody having any right, title, interest or share in the schedule property shall notify the same to the undersigned with documentary evidence, within FIFTEEN (15) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my client will purchase the schedule property, as if no valid claims are subsisting against the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of the Residential Premises bearing Municipal No.538, PID No.70-70-538, Property New E.PID No.5337426840, situated at Akkithimmenahalli Extension/ Layout, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru, (BBMP Ward No.117-Shanthinagar), built on a site measuring East to West 7.60 metres and North to South 6.40 metres in all measuring 48.64 square metres or 523.3 square feet, consisting of Ground, First and Second Floors and bounded as follows:

East by : Road,
West by : Private Property,
North by : Road,
South by : Site No.537.

K.SURYAPRAKASH RAO, Advocate
Chakravarthy Complex, Sajjanrao Circle, V.V. Puram, Bangalore-04.
Mobile No: 9845347114, 6360911979
Dated: 20-05-2026.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that our clients Suresh Chand, S/o Late Sampat Raj, Azad S. Jain, S/o Shankar Lal Jain, Anil Kumar, S/o Kanhaiya Lal Pokharna and Bhartesh Mehta,

S/o Suresh Prakash Mehta are intending to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from Sridhara Prasad S/o Late K.H.Thimmaiah.

Sridhara Prasad has been in continuous possession of the property and has represented to our clients that the Schedule Property is free from all encumbrances, charges, lien, litigations and/or any third party rights/claims of any nature whatsoever.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that if any person/s, entity, company, firm, institution or any such entity is having objection, claim, interest, dispute for the above intended transactions, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/claims/details of dispute/s within 15 days from the date of this publication, failing which, our clients will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the aforementioned owner with the assumption that there are no third party claims/objections /disputes with respect to the schedule property. Any objections/claims received after the expiry of the said period mentioned above will not be entertained or binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing old Sy. No.149, NEW Survey No.285/1 measuring 15 acres and 29 guntas Kharab Land, situated at kannamangala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, bounded on the:

East by: Indra Kothaneth W/o.Anand Kothaneth and Kristoper Jude S/o. Late. Thalarmithra Jude's Land **West by:** Land belongs to Ramesh and Ramakrishna, **North by:** Kanva Road, **South by:** Government Property.

C. Venkatesh, Advocate
C.V. Law Associates
#114/3, 3rd Floor, Minerva Marvel, Minerva Circle, Bengaluru- 560004
M : 9972189092, 7996253029, 9845680090, 9019023062

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भारत सरकार का उपक्रम A Government of India Undertaking

Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North, No. 10/4,1st Floor, Mithra Towers, Kasturba Road, Bangalore-560001. Mobile: 8555071408, Mail ID:arb.bengalurunorth@unionbankofindia.bank.in

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 15 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, Possession which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India (secured Creditor) will be sold on **" As is where is", " As is what is " and " whatever there is basis"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

1. Branch : Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North : Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: (1) M/s.Siddartha Enterprises, Proprietor: Mrs. A Eshwari, No-122-49, 27th Cross.7th Block, Jaya Nagar, Bangalore-560082 **(2) Mrs. A Eshwari ,** W/o Mohan Raj, No-122-49, 27th Cross.7th Block, Jaya Nagar, Bangalore-560082. **Guarantor : (3) Mrs. K Shashikala,** # 53, 9th Cross, 13th Main, J P Nagar, Bangalore-560078.

Amount due: Rs.3,29,97,064.25 (Rupees Three Crore Twenty-Nine Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Sixty Four Rupees and Twenty Five Paisa only) as on interest debited till **30.04.2026** + Future interest + Other expenses.

Description of Property : Property No-1 : All that piece and parcel of Ground Floor, in Block 'C' being the Eastern Wing of the Middle Building in the Main Schedule (All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No. 122/49, 27th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560082, measuring East to West 77 feet and North to South 120 feet consisting of Three Blocks of building, namely 1) MAIN BUILDING 2) REAR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING 3) MIDDLE BUILDING) having a built up area approx. 700 sq ft together with an undivided 1/5 th share right, title, interest in the land measuring East to West 29 feet, North to South 24 feet situated in between the Main Building and Rare Residential portion including Common amenities Situated at Property bearing 122/49, 27th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560082. The Property comes under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, New BBMP Khatha No. 122-49/7 owned by Mrs A Eswari and bounded on : East by : Site no 123 & 123 A, West by: Same property Block D, North by : Main Building, South by : Same property Block A.

Property No-2 : All that piece and parcel of Second Floor, in the Middle Building, Commercial Portion in Block 'C' being the Eastern Wing and Block D being the Western Wing together situated in between the Main Building and Rear Residential Building portion building in the Main Schedule (All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No. 122/49, 27th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560082, measuring East to West 77 feet and North to South 120 feet consisting of Three Blocks of building, namely 1) MAIN BUILDING 2) REAR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING 3) MIDDLE BUILDING) having a build up area approx. 1400 sq ft together with an undivided 1/5 th share right, title, interest in the land measuring East to West 60 feet, North to south 24 feet including common amenities situated at Property bearing No 122/49 ,27th Cross ,7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore -560082. The Property comes under the Limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, New BBMP Khatha No. 122-49/11 owned by Mrs. A Eswari and bounded on : East by : Site no 123 & 123 A, West by : 10 ft passage, North by : Main Building, South by : Same property Block A & B.

Property No-3 : All that piece and parcel of Ground Floor, , Residential Portion in Block 'A' being the Eastern Wing of the Rear Residential Building in the Main Schedule (All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No. 122/49, 27th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560082, measuring East to West 77 feet and North to South 120 feet consisting of Three Blocks of building, namely 1) MAIN BUILDING 2) REAR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING 3) MIDDLE BUILDING) having a build up area approx. 1300 sq ft together with an undivided 1/5 th share right, title, interest in the land measuring East to west 38.6 ft, North to south 32 ft in Block 'A' including Common Amenities Situated at Property bearing No. 122/49, 27th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560082, The property comes under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike owned by Mrs A Eswari and bounded on : East by : Site No.123 & 123/A, West by : Same property Block B, North by : Same property Block C, South by : Site No 113.

Property No- 4: All that piece and parcel of portion of the First Floor, Portion bearing Municipal No 122/49-9.BBMP PID no- 59-85-49/9 in the Middle Building being Block 'D' Western Wing, measuring East to West 30 ft and North to south 24 ft having a built up area of 720 Sq feet in Block 'D' in the property bearing No 122/49-9 ,27th Cross , 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560070 together with the 1/5 th share , right, title, interest in the said property owned by Mrs A Eswari and bounded on : East by : Balcony & Site No.123 & 123A, West by : M.S Vasudeva"s portion in Block C, North by : Main Building and 27th Cross Road, South by : M S Girija"s Portion in Block 'B'.

Reserve Price :		EMD	Bid Multiplier :
Property No-1	Rs. 23,00,000/-	Rs. 2,30,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-
Property No-2:	Rs. 41,00,000/-	Rs. 4,10,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-
Property No-3:	Rs. 41,00,000/-	Rs. 4,10,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-
Property No-4:	Rs. 21,00,000/-	Rs. 2,10,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-

Type of Possession : Physical Possession

The details of encumbrances, if any known to the Secured Creditor: Nil.

2. Branch : Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North : Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: (1) M/s Jannat Enterprises (Prop: Tabreez Ahmed S), No.5, SY No. 55/5, Thanisandra Main Road, Bellahalli Cross, Arabic College Area, Bengaluru 560045. **(2) Mr. Tabreez Ahmed S** S/o Siraj Ahmed, No. 17, 9th Cross, AMC Road, Kushal Nagar, Bangalore North 560045.

Amount due: Rs. 52,22,271.09 (Rupees Fifty Two Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy One Rupees and Nine Paisa only) as on 30.04.2026 plus applicable interest and charges

Description of Property : All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Northern Portion of Site No. 2/A, Khatha No. 1438/1/16/11A/2A, New Khatha No. 1226, formed out of the Sy No. 16/11A, BBMP Sl No. 1817, situated at Thanisandra Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 06, Bangalore and measuring about East to West – 50 Feet and North to South -25 Feet, in all totally measuring 1250 Sq ft and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Site No. 1/A, South by : Remaining Portion of the Site No. 2/A.

Reserve Price : Rs.77,00,000/- **EMD : Rs.7,70,000 /-** **Bid Multiplier : Rs. 1,00,000/-**

Type of Possession : Physical Possession

The details of encumbrances, if any known to the Secured Creditor : Nil.

3. Branch : Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North : Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: (1) M/s P L Groups, Rep by Its proprietor Mr.M Darshan Gowda, H.No.23, Deepa, 9th Main, Shambavi Dance School Road, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bengaluru-560060. **Also at:** # 111, 3rd Cross, Pramod Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Nayandahalli PO, Bangalore-560039. **(2) Proprietor Mr.M Darshan Gowda,** H.No.23, Deepa, 9th Main, Shambavi Dance School Road, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bengaluru-560060. **Guarantors: (3) Mr.Sunil Kumar V** S/o Varadaraju M, No.67,7th Cross, Azad Nagar, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018. **(4) Ms.Shashikala R K,** W/o B Ramakrishna, No.61/62, 7th Main, Nagendra Block, Near PES College, BSK 3rd Stage, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560050.

Amount due: Rs. 1,13,92,177.08 (Rupees One Crore Thirteen Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy Seven and Eight paisa only) as on 30.04.2026 plus applicable interest and charges

Description of Property : All that piece and parcel of residential cum commercial converted land & building bearing E Khatha No.152100407201000185, Panchayath Khatha no 150 Sy No.704/16, **"Panchalinga Darshana Sawmill"** situated at Maralinganadoddi Village, (Mandya - Koppa Main Road), Karagodu Gram Panchayath, Karagodu Hobli, Mandya Taluk (District) and measuring East to West: 17.373 mts, North to South: 78.638 mts, in total measuring 1366.23 Sq mtrs belonging to Mr.M. Darshan Gowda. Bounded On: East by : Highway and property belonging to Kundegowda and Chikkegowda, West by: Land belonging to Chikkegowda and Muddegowda, North by: 5 feet Road and property belonging to Siddegowda, South by: Property belonging to Lingegowda alias Jongegowda.

Reserve Price : Rs. 57,00,000/- **EMD : Rs. 5,70,000/-** **Bid Multiplier : Rs.1,00,000/-**

Type of Possession : Physical Possession

Details of Stay / Status Quo /Litigation pending against the property, if any, known to the secured creditor in Courts/Tribunals etc., : SA(Diary No.)/2350/2025 Pending before DRT-1, Bengaluru.
OS NO. 2/2025, ADDL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC, MANDYA

Invariably, the first bid of the property/ies will be Reserve Price + one Increment. This amount will be the minimum bid amount to participate in bidding process.

The intending bidders should make their own independent enquiry regarding the encumbrances, any pending court cases against the property, title of the property put to auction and the claims / rights/ dues affecting the property, such as Electricity Bill, Water Bill, Pending CAM Charges, Pending Charges with respect to Association, Transfer of Khata and Property Tax etc., prior to submitting their bid. Once the sale is confirmed / Auction is concluded no request will be considered for cancellation of the sale/ refund of the sale price paid by H1 bidder, whatsoever.

It is to be Noted that a successful bidder has to make his own arrangement for getting the E - Khatha & subsequent registration of sale certificate

Account bearing Number 800001980050000 A/C Name : Inward RTGS IFSC Code : UBIN0580007

For auction related queries e-mail to eauctionhelpdesk@unionbankofindia.bank or arb.bengalurunorth@unionbankofindia.bank or contact Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru North, No. 10/4,1st Floor, Mithra Towers, Kasturba Road, Bangalore-560001. Chief Manager Mr. Chandra sekhar Sethi Contact No. 8555071408.

Last date of EMD submission:
On or before the commencement of e-auction
Date & Time of E-auction: 12.06.2026 (Tuesday)
from 12.00 P.M to 5.00 P.M with 10 min unlimited auto extensions

Note: (1) The intending purchaser required to register through https://baanknet.com (Buyer Registration – link provided in the home page of the website)

The amount of EMD (10%) should be paid through the Website https://baanknet.com and the balance amount of sale price should be paid through the Account Number mentioned in the Sale Notice. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided as mentioned below banks website and e-auction agent website. Digital Signature is not mandatory.

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Date: 20.05.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Union Bank of India.**

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -1 AT BANGALORE

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House ,Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore -560 001

Case No. O.A. No.1440/2024

Between: State Bank of India **...Applicant**
And
Mr. Avinash Rao **....Defendants**
To

Sri Avinash Rao, S/o. Bindu Rao, Aged about 38 years, R/o S. V. Grade, G2 6th Cross, OMBR Layout, Near Old Chaya Hospital, Kasturi Nagar, Bangalore - 560 043.

Also at : Sri Avinash Rao S/o. Bindu Rao, Dreamers and Doers (Moto Adda), No. 36, Promenade Road, Pulakeshi Nagar, Bangalore - 560 005

And Also at : Sri Avinash Rao S/o. Bindu Rao, Flat No. A-203, 2nd Floor, Block-A, Sohams Bicester Village , 2nd Cross, Thimma Reddy Colony, Kodihalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk - 561 203.

SUMMONS ISSUED TO THE DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of The Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act 1993, against the above defendants for te recoery of sum of **Rs.80,64,244/-** (Rupees Eighty Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Two Hundred Forty Four Only) amount together with current and future interest, cost, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned Defendants are required to appear therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause **on 24.06.2026 at 10.30 a.m.**, as to why the relief's prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 02.12.2025

By the Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar-1
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1 , Bangalore

French Open players plan media protest over prize-money share

Players at the French Open are planning to reduce media appearances ahead of the start of the Grand Slam to complain about their share of the prize money. A group have already targeted the upcoming clay-court tournament for reducing players' share of revenue to an alleged 14.3% — compared to 22% at other ATP and WTA events.

GRUELLING DOMESTIC SEASON BEGINS ON AUG 23

THE BCCI ON WEDNESDAY ANNOUNCED THE 2026-27 DOMESTIC SEASON, WHICH WILL SEE 1788 GAMES ACROSS AGE-GROUP AND SENIOR CATEGORIES. A LOOK...

Season to open with Duleep Trophy on August 23 at COE, Bengaluru

The tournament, which will be played in zonal format, will conclude on **September 10**

Irani Cup between defending Ranji champions J&K and Rest of India follows it with the match to be staged in Srinagar from **October 1 to 5**

Ranji Trophy (Elite and Plate) to be held in two phases

Elite first phase from **October 11 to November 5**

Elite second phase from **January 17 to February 4**

Elite knockout phase begins on **February 9** and concludes on **March 3**

Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy and Vijay Trophy (both Elite and Plate) to be held in between the two phases

SMAT Elite begins on November 14 with knockouts to be held from **November 30 to December 6**

Vijay Hazare Elite starts on **December 14** with knockouts scheduled from **January 2 to 8**

Tamil Nadu placed in **Elite D Group** with heavyweights Mumbai in Ranji Trophy

Andhra and Hyderabad are grouped in **Elite B**

Delhi, Kerala and Odisha are in **Elite C Group**

U-23 white ball competition and the Inter-zonal University meet for Vizzy Trophy now will be played in **T20 format** going forward

BCCI'S DOMESTIC OUTLOOK: FOCUS ON T20

Indian cricket board announces 2026-27 calendar, changes U23 white ball event from one-dayers to T20 format

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

THE much-awaited 2026-27 domestic calendar was announced by the Indian cricket board (BCCI) on Wednesday with the U23 white ball competition and the inter-zonal university tournament for Vizzy Trophy being changed to T20 from 50-over per side format. The move by the richest cricket board could be a sign for big changes expected in future and former players, who now are coaches of successful domestic sides, see it as a positive step going forward.

"I think change is an essence of life and this is absolutely fine if it's going this way," former India batter Amay Khurasiya told this daily. With cricket officially returning to Olympics for the 2028 Los Angeles Games since its first appearance in 1900, the ex-flamboyant left-hand batter from Madhya Pradesh believed the move could have been taken keeping the new order in mind. "With time, I see the world playing more T20s and maybe T20s will take over as they are cricket's gateway to the Olympics also. This is my feeling and it's absolutely fine. If things are changing and everything is going into this mode, we just have to accept the way it is going to be," he opined.

Usman Gani, Vidarbha head coach, who led the side to Ranji Trophy and historic Vijay Hazare title, echoed Khurasiya's sentiments. "The cricket world is changing with time being a big factor. It's a logical decision as talented U23 cricketers can feature both in Vijay Hazare and Ranji Trophy to get the feel of both formats apart from playing T20 format. More importantly, it will help the players financially as the IPL scouts now have one more tournament to look out for talented youngsters," said Gani.

As per the calendar, the Men's U23 State A Trophy (Elite and Plate) will begin on December 1. The knockouts of the Elite category will be held from December 17 to 23. The timing will be apt for U23 cricketers to showcase their skills ahead of the IPL auction, which is usually held during that time of the year.

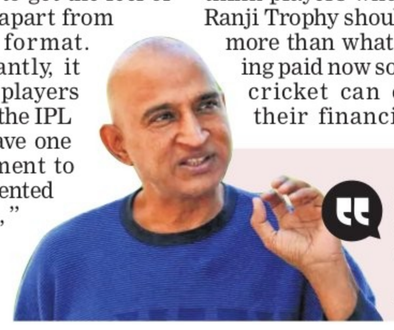
Economics of red & white

Khurasiya, who coached Kerala to Ranji Trophy final (2024-26 season) where they lost to Vidarbha, has an interesting take on the future of the one-dayers and red-ball cricket in the country. "I think players who are playing Ranji Trophy should be paid far more than what they are being paid now so that red-ball cricket can compensate their financial needs of families. Because it's all about securing your future and that security they don't get in red-ball, they get that in white-ball. Or there should be a contract system in every state association like the BCCI's," said Khurasiya, who will be chief coach of Chhattisgarh this season.

Domestic players get Rs 40,000 per day (up to 20 matches and that goes up to Rs 50,000 per day and Rs 60,000 per day from 21 to 40 and 40-plus matches respectively. For the T20s, the match fee is Rs 25,000 per match. The match fee for reserves is Rs 20,000 per day. Similarly in T20s, the reserves get Rs 12,500 per match. Given the salary structure, a player can earn Rs 11,20,000 if he plays all the league matches of the Ranji Trophy. It can get double if he plays the SMAT and Vijay Hazare Trophy. On the contrary, the base price of an uncapped Indian player is Rs 30 lakh in the IPL. Besides, they are also paid Rs 7.5 lakh per league match apart from contract salary.

Meanwhile, Ranji Trophy starts on October 11 with the domestic season beginning with Duleep Trophy from August 23. The country's premier tournament will once again be played in two phases with the opening round starting on October 11. In total, the BCCI will be organizing 1788 games across age-group and senior categories during the season, which include U16, U19, U23, senior level for men and U15, U19, U23 and senior level for the women.

"The 2026-27 domestic season reflects the BCCI's continued commitment to building a strong and competitive domestic structure while ensuring a balanced progression across formats and categories," the board stated in release.



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Amay Khurasiya, ex-India player and Chhattisgarh chief coach

Call on Fleming's future as coach likely after IPL

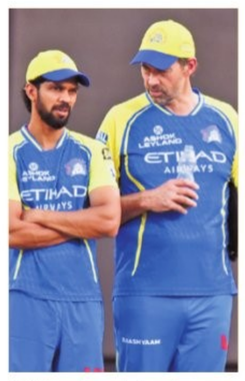
ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

AFTER Chennai Super Kings' loss to Sunrisers Hyderabad in their last home game of the season on Monday, there were talks about the future of head coach Stephen Fleming. The former New Zealand captain has been associated with the team since its inception in 2008, first as a player and then as coach since 2009. Under him, CSK have won five IPL titles and two Champion Leagues. Since the last IPL title in 2023, they have been struggling.

It is understood that the CSK management is not going to take any decision in haste. But is expected to address the issue of lack of form of the team and its inability to reach the playoffs yet again. Fleming was well aware about the situation and opened up about his future as head coach of CSK.

"Well, it's always a choice for the management. There's been a lot of talk about it. There's a lot of good things we've done. We've introduced some new players that will hopefully be generation players for the CSK, but I know we are judged on results, that's fair. So yeah, that's the management's call," said Fleming after Chennai's last match at home.

It is learnt that any decision on Fleming would be taken only after the IPL season is over. People close to the management insisted that handing the 'coach' issue will be an arduous task. "You see it is not that easy to take a decision on Fleming's future," said a source close to the management. "He is also the coach of CSK's teams in the USA and South Africa. A coach cannot be a bad one for one league and good for the other leagues owned by the same franchise."



CSK head coach Stephen Fleming (R) | EXPRESS

"For argument's sake in case they sack him (Fleming) and he does not wish to continue in the other leagues, they (CSK management) have to find a coach for all the three leagues. It is difficult to find a new coach for all the three leagues who shares the same ideas and ideals of CSK," the source added.

There is another issue that the team management needs to address is MS Dhoni's future. No one knows what is in his mind but the former India captain did not figure in any of the CSK matches this season. Dhoni has often said in the past that after retirement he will be associated with CSK in some manner. In case the most celebrated captain of Indian cricket decides to hang his boots, then he can fit in the role of mentor next season.

"The CSK management that is very kind and soft by nature needs to know about Dhoni's plans. If MSD wishes to continue they have to take a different decision. In case MSD wants to retire, they can rope in him as a mentor like Sachin Tendulkar. And should they think of appointing a new head coach, Mike Hussey can be promoted. In case they want a new man, they can always approach someone like Rahul Dravid who has been closely associated with N Srinivasan, owner of CSK for a very long time," said another source close to CSK.

LAST CHANCE SALOON FOR CSK

Chennai Super Kings will need a win against Gujarat Titans to have an outside chance of qualifying for the playoffs. Talking points...

CSK batters need to fire

CSK have been overly-reliant on Sanju Samson to provide that spark but and the rest of the top-order batters also have to start putting their hands up if they are to have any chance of beating GT.

Noor vs GT batters

Noor Ahmad could play a decisive role as GT boast some strong batters like Shubman Gill, B Sai Sudharsan and Jos Buttler, who have the ability to take the game away from the opposition.

Spotlight on Dhoni

It remains to be seen if Chennai's legendary figure will take the field. Some speculation suggests that he has already left the team for the season so it will be a surprise if he does feature.

CSK's permutations

Even if CSK win, much will depend on what happens to Punjab, Rajasthan & Kolkata. If one of those 3 teams win their respective ties, then CSK will be out irrespective of their result.

GT vs CSK @ Ahmedabad, 7:30 PM

Live on Star Sports/ JioHotstar

EXPRESS READ

Malvika, Ashmita win; Lakshya, Prannoy lose

KUALA LUMPUR: India's Malvika Bansod, Ashmita Chaliha and Devika Sihag advanced to the women's singles second round at the Malaysia Masters on Thursday. Malvika beat Germany's Yvonne Li 21-17, 16-21, 21-9 while Ashmita posted a 21-16, 21-13 victory over Thalita Ramadhani Wiryawan. Devika saw off Park Ga Eun of Korea 19-21, 21-18, 21-19. However, Lakshya Sen, HS Prannoy (men's singles) lost to crash out of the competition.

Pragg vs Bogdan-Daniel in Rd 6 of Super Classic

BUCHAREST: Second-placed Indian GM R Praggnanandhaa will take on Romania's Deac Bogdan-Daniel in the sixth round of the Super Chess Classic, a part of the Grand Chess Tour, seeking to break his run of draws, here. After five rounds, Germany's Vincent Keymer (3.5 points) is in sole lead by half a point over a chasing pack that includes Dutch duo of Anish Giri and Jorden van Foreest, top seeded American Fabiano Caruana and Praggnanandhaa.

Mukund beats qualifier to enter last-eight stage

BENGALURU: Seasoned Sasikumar Mukund entered the quarterfinals, overcoming Japanese qualifier Taiyo Yamanaka in a tight contest at the SM Krishna Memorial Open tennis tournament here on Wednesday. The experienced Mukund held his nerve in key moments to beat Yamanaka 6-4, 7-6 (1) in the pre-quarterfinals. Teenage wild card Kriish Tyagi lost 6-4, 4-6, 3-6 against third seed Hamish Stewart of Great Britain.

KKR overcome MI to stay in hunt for playoffs

AGENCIES @ Kolkata

KOLKATA Knight Riders beat Mumbai Indians by four wickets to stay in hunt for IPL playoffs here on Wednesday.

It was the bowlers who did the initial damage by restricting Mumbai to 147/8. MI's innings, which was interrupted by rain, never quite took off as KKR bowlers took wickets at regular intervals. Hardik Pandya (26) and Tilak Varma (20) tried to steady the ship with a 43-run stand but it was Corbin Bosch's 18-ball 32 not out which helped MI close to 150-mark.

In their chase, KKR lost in-form Finn Alen early but Manish Pandey and Rovman Powell did just about enough to help the team fetch maximum points. With this win, KKR jumped to sixth spot with 13 points. If Rajasthan Royals and Punjab Kings lose their upcoming ties, KKR will have a strong chance of entering the playoffs.

Brief scores: MI 147/8 in 20 ovs (Bosch 32 n.o, Hardik 26; Green 2/23, Dubey 2/34) **lost to** KKR 148/6 in 18.5 ovs (Pandey 45, Powell 40; Bosch 3/30).

POINTS TABLE

Team	M	W	L	Pts	NRR
RCB(Q)	13	9	4	18	1.06
GT (Q)	13	8	5	16	0.40
SRH (Q)	13	8	5	16	0.35
RR	13	7	6	14	0.08
PBKS	13	6	6	13	0.22
KKR	13	6	6	13	0.01
CSK	13	6	7	12	-0.01
DC	13	6	7	12	-0.87
MI	13	4	9	8	-0.51
LSG	13	4	9	8	-0.70

MI's Suryakumar Yadav (L) being bowled by KKR's Saurabh Dubey on Wednesday | PTI

Bagan among seven ISL clubs to be denied AIFF license

ENS @ Chennai

THE All India Football Federation (AIFF) rejected the applications of Kerala Blasters, Chennaiyin FC and defending ISL champions Mohun Bagan Super Giant when they announced the licensing for 2025-27 season.

After a meeting on Sunday, the Club Licensing Committee – First Instance Body (CLC-FIB), rejected license applications of the following clubs – Sporting Club Delhi, Odisha FC, Bagan, Chennaiyin, Kerala, Mohammedan Sporting Club, and Inter Kashi. "The clubs whose applications have been rejected have the right to either appeal the decision or request an exemption to participate in the national club competition, as per applicable licensing regulations," an AIFF statement read. These clubs have apparently failed to satisfy the AIFF's minimum criteria. According to the AIFF's Club Licensing Regulations document issued for this year, clubs need to fulfill requirements over sporting matters, infrastructure, personnel and administrative, legal and financial criteria. Criteria are graded as 'A,' 'B' and 'C.'

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Went to Gopichand Academy at right time: Sankar

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Bengaluru

AFTER a period of lull, the Indian men's badminton ecosystem is again churning. Ayush Shetty has already made a big splash in the senior circuit. The 18-year-old Rounak Chouhan won his first senior international title last week, the Reunion Challenger.

At the same Reunion Challenger, a former junior World No 1 quietly ticked another box. Sankar Muthusamy advanced to the semifinals before losing to Chouhan in three games. While the result was disappointing, progression to the last four stage, his first of the year, was 'a positive'.

"My opponent played really well in the crucial moments," he told this daily a few days after the tournament. "But overall, I prefer to see the performances as a positive because it was my first semifinal of the year. It's a good platform and I can use it as a good sounding board for the rest of the year." What has also helped Muthusamy in this journey of his was his decision to move to the Gopichand Academy in Hyderabad late last year.

Sankar Muthusamy

It's been less than a year but he's already seeing some 'positive' changes 'to my game'.

"I could have gone there earlier (he was training at an academy in Chennai till then)," he said. "But I would like to think I made the move at the right time. Game wise, there are chances that you may have ignored the small details. And when you train there under those coaches, those small details will be spotted and worked on.

"For example, there, they have kept my defensive game but they have worked on incorporating offensive shots without changing my natural game so that I can finish off rallies sooner if an opportunity presents itself. My net game has improved a lot. It's stuff like that."

The World No 74, a new inductee into government funding from Tamil Nadu (the last two months), has planned to play in a string of Super 300 events (Macau, Canada and US) over the next few months. If he does well in those tournaments, he can well achieve his short-term goals of breaking into the upper echelons of the world ranking by the end of the year.

THE CHAMPIONS

A night to remember: Arsenal end 22-year wait for Premier League crown

AGENCIES @ London

ARSENAL celebrated their first Premier League title for 22 years on Tuesday after Manchester City were held to a 1-1 draw by Bournemouth, sparking wild scenes of joy around the Emirates Stadium.

City had to win to take the fight to the final day but fell short and can no longer catch their rivals, who have ended a six-year trophy drought.

After finishing second for the past three seasons, Mikel Arteta's side have finally made it over the line to win the London club's first English title since Arsene Wenger's "Invincibles" in 2004.

Arsenal edged to the brink of a 14th English top-flight title with an unconvincing 1-0 win over already relegated Burnley on Monday, which took them five points clear of City.

The Gunners, who have set the pace for most of the season, have bounced back impressively since losing to City last month, winning four straight league matches without conceding a goal. "Congratulations to Arsenal, Mikel, the staff, all the players, fans for this Premier League," said City boss Pep Guardiola. "You deserve it!"

On Monday, just 48 hours after completing a domestic cup double with victory over Chelsea in the FA Cup final, City were rocked by widespread reports that Guardiola will depart after a decade in charge at the end of the season.

Red smoke from flares billowed around the Emirates in north London as fans sang "Campeones" and chanted Arteta's name. "22 long years for the Arsenal," British Prime Minister and Arsenal fan Keir Starmer posted on X. "But finally, we're back where we belong. Champions!"

Arsenal supporters gather at the Emirates Stadium on Tuesday | AP

Relegation battle

LONDON: Chelsea beat Tottenham 2-1 to leave Roberto De Zerbi's men in danger of relegation with one game left of the season. The result gives renewed hope to West Ham, who are 18th in the table, two points behind Tottenham. Spurs face Everton in their final match on Sunday with a draw realistically good enough for survival given their superior goal difference.

Eight Continents Hotels opens an experience-driven boutique property in Kasauli

ITC Hotels to soon open a luxury resort and spa in Kumarakom, Kerala called The Zuri

REEF RETREATS

From turquoise lagoons and thriving coral reefs to calm, beginner-friendly waters, these Indian snorkelling destinations offer a glimpse into some of the country's most spectacular underwater worlds...

1 ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

The Andaman Islands remain the crown jewel of snorkelling in India. Since many of these islands are strictly protected, the marine life here continues to thrive and the water visibility can be staggering, often stretching up to 20 to 30 metres. At Havelock Island, now known as Swaraj Dweep, Elephant Beach is among the most rewarding spots for beginners and experienced snorkellers alike. The waters are shallow, the currents remain gentle and one can swim directly off the beach into reefs bustling with branch corals, brain corals and colourful parrotfish. Neil Island or Shaheed Dweep, is equally remarkable. Bharatpur Beach boasts a sprawling coral reef astonishingly close to the shoreline, making it ideal for relaxed snorkelling sessions. The local administration heavily regulates plastic use while the dive centres here are well organised, with certified *PADI* and *SSI* instructors ensuring safe experiences.

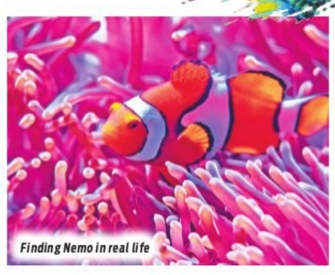
Soft coral gardens

2 LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS

If escaping crowds entirely sounds appealing, Lakshadweep offers a collection of coral atolls where lagoons appear almost unreal in their brilliant turquoise hues. Calm, shallow and almost wave-free, these waters feel closer to natural swimming pools than the open sea. Bangaram and Agatti Islands are surrounded by continuous coral reefs, allowing visitors to drift safely for hours while spotting sea turtles, manta rays and harmless reef sharks alongside vibrant live coral formations. Kadmat Island, meanwhile, is known for its dramatic coral reef wall and exceptional underwater visibility. Entry into Lakshadweep requires a government permit, a restriction that has helped preserve the islands from mass tourism. The waters remain pristine and the shallow lagoons create an especially safe environment for nervous swimmers and first-time snorkellers.

3 NETRANI ISLAND, KARNATAKA

Also known as Pigeon Island, this uninhabited island sits around 19 kilometres off the coast of Murdeshwar and is widely regarded as one of the finest snorkelling and diving spots on the Indian mainland. Unlike beach snorkelling destinations, Netrani requires visitors to jump directly from a boat into the sea, as the island itself is essentially a small rocky outcrop rising out of the ocean. The visibility here is excellent and the waters teem with coral formations, butterflyfish, triggerfish and, if luck permits, even the occasional whale shark. Since nobody lives on the island, there is virtually no local pollution. Tour operators from Murdeshwar run highly organised, safety-first excursions equipped with life jackets and experienced guides.



Finding Nemo in real life

Gentle giants of the sea

Striking & beautiful!

5 GOA

Most people associate Goa with parties and nightlife, but a short boat ride away from Candolim or Dona Paula lies Grand Island, also known as Ilha Grande, home to a surprisingly vibrant underwater world. The waters around the island feature shallow reefs ranging from around three to ten metres in depth, making them ideal for casual snorkelling. Beneath the surface, snorkellers can spot brain coral, branch coral and a lively variety of marine life including parrotfish, cuttlefish and sea needles. On particularly fortunate days, playful dolphins often make an appearance during the boat ride out. Popular spots such as Suzy's Wreck and Coral Garden are especially suited for relaxed underwater exploration, offering calm conditions and accessible reef systems.

4 TARKARLI AND MALVAN, MAHARASHTRA

For those looking for a quick and accessible mainland getaway with decent coral life, the waters around Sindhudurg Fort in Malvan are a reliable choice. While the visibility may not rival the Andamans or Lakshadweep, the shallow waters near the fort still house surprisingly healthy patches of hard coral and a lively variety of tropical fish. The snorkelling zones here are shallow and well regulated, with mandatory guide assistance making the experience particularly safe for families and absolute beginners.

Threads of Loktak

Journey to Manipur's Loktak Lake to experience the rare vegan lotus silk and more...

BY ANOUSHKA KUNDU

Loktak Lake

TRAVELLING south from the capital city of Imphal in Manipur along National Highway 2 takes you through the changing geography of the Bishnupur district. The flat plains of the valley gradually give way to the rising peaks of the northeastern hills as the road approaches Moirang, the gateway to Loktak Lake. It was here in Moirang where the Indian National Army hoisted the tricolour for the first time on Indian soil in 1944. Most visitors travel down this highway to glimpse the rare Sangai deer at *Keibul Lamjao National Park* or cruise past the *phumdis* — floating islands of tangled vegetation drifting across the water. Yet stepping into the lakeside village of Thanga, you can find an entirely different story waiting inside local homes.

The lake mud yields *Kouni Phee*, or lotus silk, a completely vegan fabric drawn from lotus stems. This zero-waste craft belongs to a collective of rural women artisans who harvest and spin the natural fibre entirely by hand. Watching the extraction firsthand is a grounding experience. An artisan cracks a fresh lotus stem with a flick of her wrist, pulling away the outer casing to reveal a web of gossamer threads. Her hands move with rapid precision, rolling the fibres together before the lake moisture evaporates. The thread must be processed within twenty-four hours while it is still wet, otherwise it snaps and the strand is ruined. It takes 30,000 to 40,000 lotus stems to weave a single metre of this fabric, a sustainable craft pioneered locally by entrepreneur Bijiyashanti Tongbram in 2019. This craft gained prominence during the *Republic Day Parade* in 2024, when it appeared on Manipur's official state tableau.

Kouni Phee is a cellulose plant fibre that behaves much like linen rather than traditional silk. It is light, naturally waterproof and suited to the heavy lakeside humidity. Once reserved for sacred monastic robes, artisans now spin the yarn into eco-friendly scarves, *saris* and shawls.

You can extend this journey by staying in floating huts built upon the biomass itself. Sitting there sipping warm lemongrass tea while watching local fishermen paddle past their thatch-roofed homes offers an immersive perspective on how closely life here is bound to the lake. Nearby lakeside stalls serve plates of *Singju*, a salad tossed with local herbs and fresh peppery *Nga Thongba* (fish curry).

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FIRST FIFA PRESIDENT

The first FIFA President and driving force behind this success story was Frenchman Robert Guérin. He held office for two years

BIRTH OF FIFA WORLD CUP

At the FIFA Congress held in Amsterdam on May 28, 1928, the federation officially decided to organise its own world football championships

CE's guide to happenings in the city!

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TOOL TO COOL KIT

Young Bengalureans are carrying a self-help toolkit or comfort box to cope with anxiety or overstimulation in public. *CE* asks them what's inside these boxes

ANJALI RAM

BE it in crowded metros, noisy cafes or overstimulating public spaces, many people today carry tiny personal 'anxiety toolkits', with things that may appear insignificant to others, but often serve as deeply personal grounding tools for those navigating anxiety, sensory overload or emotional stress. For singer-student Roshni Ghosh, comfort comes in the form of a smiley stress ball, and a distinct object people rarely find in a must-have list – a gravel she once found near her house. "The smiley ball was gifted by a friend during one of my toughest moments, whereas the gravel reminds me of how important it is to stay stable through any situation," she shares. Ghosh also carries a pocket-sized hand sanitiser because certain smells help calm her when anxiety or obsessive thoughts intensify. "I'm extremely sensitive to smell and touch, so I inhale it when I'm anxious," she adds.

Similarly, Anjitha Anu, who works at a private firm, never leaves home without her handy bottle of Axe oil. "Earlier, it was for headaches and travel anxiety, but gradually it became a companion to reduce my anxiety. That smell calms me down," she shares. She also carries a handkerchief and a book that act almost like an emotional companion. "I mostly carry a handkerchief with me, beyond the practical use. Holding on to it makes me feel better," Anu says. Another must-have in her pouch is chocolate, which she eats when anxious.

But how do these little things help keep their stress in check? Mental health experts say these objects are far from irrational. According to consultant psychiatrist Dr Pretty Duggar Gupta from Aster Whitefield Hospital, anxiety pushes the brain into a constant 'threat-monitoring mode,' where even ordinary environments begin to feel overstimulating or unsafe. "There has been growing evidence that sensory modulation contributes to emotional regulation. Smells, textures and familiar objects can create calming physiological responses because the brain begins associating them with safety," she says, adding, "Comfort objects interrupt that cycle by acting as grounding anchors."

Out of the things usually seen in a comfort pouch, smell, in particular, has a powerful connection to emotional memory. The olfactory system directly links to parts of the brain responsible for memory and emotion, which explains why a familiar perfume, balm or fabric scent can instantly evoke comfort.

For Anjali Sunilkumar, a psychologist-actor who recently became a mother, books became that emotional refuge long before adulthood. Although she doesn't have a 'comfort box', she carries her essentials in her bag. Every time I felt out of place as a child, I would go back to reading. So now, even just holding a book brings back memories of safety," she says. Even today, she enters unfamiliar social spaces carrying a book, not necessarily to read it, but for emotional support. "Instead of taking out my phone in a room full of strangers, I take out a book. Sometimes I don't focus on what I'm reading, but holding it gives me comfort," she notes.

Over the years, however, motherhood has reshaped some of her coping habits. "Now I look for physical comfort. I hug or kiss my child when my anxiety rises," she adds. For Anu, too, books are part of her coping ritual.

Experts say the growing visibility of such comfort objects reflects not just rising anxiety levels, but also greater emotional awareness. Younger generations today are more open about discussing burnout, panic attacks, overstimulation and therapy. Instead of 'pushing through', many are consciously building small coping strategies into daily life. "These are preventive emotional regulation tools. They may seem small, but they help the nervous system recover in overstimulating environments," says Dr Gupta.

TAKE IT EASY!

Experts stress that grounding tools are not substitutes for professional mental health care when anxiety becomes persistent or overwhelming. According to Dr Gupta, grounding techniques work best when used early, before anxiety escalates into panic. Recommended methods include:

- Focusing on deep, slow breathing
- Holding textured or cool objects
- Smelling calming scents
- Listening to soothing music
- Using the 'five senses' grounding method
- Taking short breaks from noisy or crowded environments

Post her Cannes appearance, B'luru-based content creator Rida Tharana opens up about breaking narrow beauty standards and embracing her unapologetic brown, curly-haired identity

SRUTHI HEMACHANDRAN

From Can'ts to Cannes!

SHE paused between frames, turned slightly, and reset her stance with an ease familiar to her audience, echoing her fit-check moments, now unfolding in a much larger setting. Photographers filled the Le Tapis Rouge at the latest edition of Cannes Film Festival, cameras flashing as B'luru-based content creator **Rida Tharana** moved through the carpet. The moment quickly caught online attention, turning it into a girls' girl celebration, with many calling it a brown girl moment of pride.

Tharana admits the opportunity didn't feel easy at first, with hesitation and anxiety building up as the moment came closer. Even at the last minute, she found herself wishing for a way out. "I did not want to do it. I was not in a mental state or capacity to pull it off... even at the last minute, I thought that if there was any malfunction or if the film that day got cancelled, I wouldn't have to walk. I was really nervous and I also was sceptical about the whole idea of how the internet is going to take it," she reveals.

With time and reassurance from her team and friends who constantly hyped her up, she chose to show up, holding on to the thought that it was a once-in-a-lifetime moment she shouldn't let fear take away. The ivory couture gown she wore, by corset designer Nikhil Gajare, featured a strapless corset bodice with sculpted, curved panelling and a voluminous layered skirt. Architectural yet fluid, it held structure under the lights. Her styling stayed minimal, with a curly updo and soft makeup. She describes slipping into the ensemble as a dreamlike moment. She shares, "When I wore the gown, I immediately felt like a princess and a little girl living her dream, who always wanted to wear humongous gowns and play around." Her much-talked-about jewellery was designed as a custom diamond piece by House of Senko.

The experience lingered and took time to sink in once the rush had faded. Her family, she says, didn't immediately understand the scale of the moment. Coming from a humble background, it was only after calls started coming in from people in their village and friends, that it began to sink in. Notably, an emotionally-charged video of her younger sister and creator Huda Thamanna praising the 27-year-old's debut Cannes moment garnered a warm response on social media.

Growing up, the conversation around beauty was not always kind to Tharana, who recalls being heavily influenced by fairness cream ads and the ideas they sold. "I remember being obsessed with ads where a girl walks into an interview with brown skin and gets rejected, applies the cream, becomes fair and gets accepted. Those kind of things really do something to you," she says. She remembers spending years questioning her own appearance, waking up and looking into the mirror, hoping her skin looked lighter. Comments comparing her with her sisters added to the loop. "People would say, 'She's fair, but you're dark. Your features are nice though,' and that stays with a little girl growing up," she shares.

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>
> Rida Tharana, content creator

Curly hair came with its share of struggle too as she recalls that growing up, nobody around her knew how to care for it and most beauty references around her revolved around straight hair. Embracing her curls and skin tone took time. "This is who I am, this is what I genetically carry and there is nothing wrong with that," she says, adding that the Cannes moment gave her a larger space to speak about something she had carried for years.

Born and raised in Kodagu as a Muslim woman, Tharana says her experience of culture and identity has always looked slightly different. While she remains thoughtful about presentation, she hints at more experimentation ahead. "There is something really cool coming in store for me," Tharana says, sharing that she hopes to play more with fashion next.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

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1) K Sachidananda Aithal; 2) Madhulika Tripathi; 3) Dr Raghavendra Pai K

CITY READ

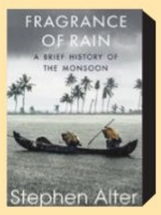
Collaborative global conclave held at city university

The Academia-Industry Conclave was held at Dr BR Ambedkar School of Economics University (BASEU) on Tuesday, in collaboration with Aberystwyth Business School, Aberystwyth University. Organised as part of the Global Wales-Karnataka Partnership 2026, the discussions at the conclave centred on understanding Karnataka's MSMEs, their climate risk profiles, gender issues and sustainable regional economic development. The keynote address was delivered by the British Deputy High Commissioner to Karnataka and HM Deputy Trade Commissioner for South Asia, Chandru Iyer, while Prof Homagni Choudhury led the delegation from Aberystwyth University, where he suggested building sustainable collaborations with BASE University to focus on climate-related gender risks and firms.

STRINGED RHAPSODY

Musical duo Lakshay Mohan (left) and Aayush Mohan, aka The Mohan Brothers, the first Indian musicians to perform at the Grammy Museum, during a sitar and sarod jugalbandi at The Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, Konanakunte

BOOK NOOK



The Fragrance Of Rain: A Brief History Of The Monsoon

By Stephen Alter

A vivid portrait of India's monsoon, the book follows the weather system that has steered traders across oceans, carved river valleys, fuelled entire ecosystems, inspired generations of poets and unsettled empires.

The Wonderful Stone

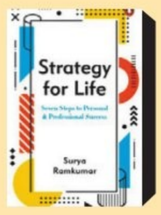
By Ruskin Bond

Set against the serene beauty of the Himalayan hills, it is a delightful story about adventure, curiosity and the simple joys of discovering the natural world.

The Infinity Machine

By Sebastian Mallaby

At the heart of this book lies a profound tension. The promise of AI to unlock unimaginable breakthroughs, from medical advances to solving the mysteries of the universe, yet raising urgent questions about shaping a technology that is advancing faster than regulation.



Strategy For Life

By Surya Ramkumar

The discipline of strategy, built for kings, militaries and Fortune 500 companies, has never been systematically applied to the individual.The book offers a seven-step framework to close the gap of failure.

EPIC RETOLD

Jnathaparva being staged by theatre artistes of Dakshatharanga during a drama fest organised by the Karnataka Nataka Academy at Ravindra Kalakshetra, JC Road| **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**

QUICKFIX

SUMMERY MANGO SHAKE

INGREDIENTS

- **Mangoes:** 2
- **Condensed milk:** 3-4 tbsp
- **Nuts:** 2 tbsp (chopped)
- **Coconut mylk:** 2 cups
- **Badam pisin:** 3 tbsp

METHOD

- Peel the mangoes and blend it to a juice texture.
- Add condensed milk and coconut mylk. Blend again.
- Add the badam pisin, mix well. Add some nuts as toppings and serve.

Contributed by **Jeeva Nandhini,** Chennai

MISS-FIT

Wanitha Ashok

The writer is a Fit India Movement Ambassador and celebrity fitness coach

Are there any exercises or diets that can help regulate PCOS alongside medical treatment?

- While medical treatment is important, lifestyle changes can play a major role in managing PCOS (renamed to PMOS now) symptoms.
- Regular exercise, especially strength training, brisk walking, cycling and yoga, helps improve insulin sensitivity, manage weight and regulate hormones.
- Even 30 to 45 minutes of activity on most days can make a noticeable difference.

ASK AN XPERT

- On the nutrition side, focus on a balanced diet rich in protein, fibre, healthy fats and whole foods. Reduce refined sugars, processed foods and excessive junk food, as these can worsen insulin resistance, which is common in PCOS.
- Consistency matters more than extreme diets or intense workouts. Small sustainable habits often deliver the best long-term results.
- Always combine lifestyle changes with guidance from your doctor or nutrition expert.

FITBIT

NO ACCESS TO GYM MACHINES? HERE ARE A FEW UPPER-BODY EXERCISES THAT STILL WORK

Many machine-based exercises can be replaced with simple movements using dumbbells, resistance bands or even bodyweight training. In fact, free-weight exercises often engage more stabilising muscles and improve overall strength and coordination. Here are some simple upper-body alternatives that work well at home and in the gym.

- **INSTEAD OF CHEST PRESS MACHINES, TRY PUSH-UPS OR DUMBBELL PRESSES:** Push-ups remain one of the most effective upper-body exercises. They train the chest, shoulders and triceps together while also engaging the core. Dumbbell chest presses are another good option because they allow a more natural range of motion.
- **REPLACE LAT PULLDOWNS WITH PULL-UPS OR RESISTANCE BANDS:** Pull-ups and assisted pull-ups target the upper back and lats effectively. If pull-ups feel difficult, resistance bands can help recreate a similar pulling movement at home.
- **SWAP SEATED CABLE ROWS FOR DUMBBELL ROWS:** Single-arm dumbbell rows strengthen the back, shoulders and arms while improving balance and posture. They also help correct muscle imbalances between sides.
- **SHOULDER PRESS MACHINES CAN BE REPLACED WITH OVERHEAD PRESSES:** Dumbbell or barbell overhead presses build shoulder strength while also training the core and upper back. Unlike machines, they require more control and stability.
- **BANDS ARE MORE USEFUL THAN MOST PEOPLE THINK:** Resistance bands are portable, affordable and surprisingly effective for upper-body workouts. Exercises like band chest presses, rows and curls can create enough resistance for both beginners and experienced exercisers.
- **DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE BODYWEIGHT EXERCISES:** Movements like dips, push-ups and inverted rows still remain some of the best upper-body exercises because they train multiple muscles together and improve functional strength.

Sometimes, the simplest exercises deliver the best long-term results.

By Dhruva S, fitness expert, cult— a fitness and wellness platform

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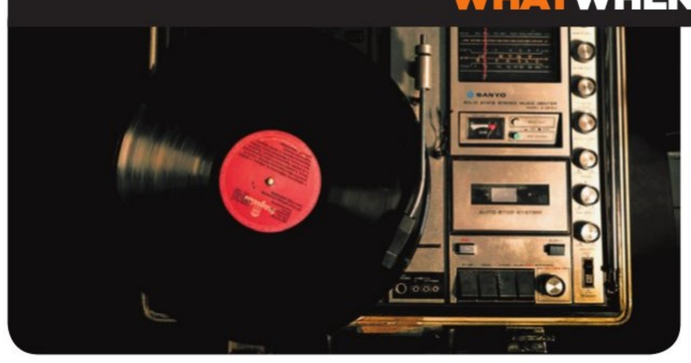


Throwback Thursday

Travel back in time for a night featuring DJ Prakxx spinning a mix of retro hits, old-school hip-hop and classic commercial anthems. The night is all about nostalgic rhythms and an energetic crowd looking to jumpstart the weekend early. Step on the floor and dance through the decades.

WHEN: May 21, 8pm | **WHERE:** Underdoggs, Whitefield | **CALL:** 90028 91008

Vegan Side Up

Learn how to create a perfect, fluffy vegan omelette using entirely plant-based ingredients in this culinary workshop. Participants will be guided through the process of achieving that classic savoury texture and experimenting with delicious fillings and spices. Walk away with a new recipe and skill for your breakfast routine.

WHEN: May 21, 6.30pm

WHERE: Fabrizio Creative Activities Hub, BTM Layout

DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Climate Catch Up

Step into an active space of participation at the Bengaluru Climate Mixer. This gathering brings together communicators, creators and practitioners to unpack ideas. The evening promises to trade traditional lectures for short, creative formats and open dialogues over food and drinks.

WHEN: May 21, 7pm

WHERE: SOCIAL, Indiranagar

DETAILS: district.in

Global Mixology

Experience one of Asia's 50 Best Bars right in Bengaluru as Yakobok, currently ranked No. 25 in Asia, takes over for a one-night event. The team brings its minimal Japanese philosophy and ingredient-driven cocktails to the city. Experience an exclusive evening of rare Japanese ingredients and refined techniques, presented in a high-energy, immersive atmosphere.

WHEN: May 21, 8pm
WHERE: 403 Forbidden Bar, Indiranagar **CALL:** 90713 17446

Laughter Room

Step into a humour-filled zone as comic **Peeyush Kumar** takes the stage with his new set of jokes. He creates an atmosphere that truly connects the crowd as they laugh out loud. It's a funny escape from repetitive sets and common jokes heard around.

WHEN: May 21, 10pm

WHERE: Bloom Creative Zone, Indiranagar

CALL: 63941 63022

Sip and Sing

Warm up your vocal cords for a high-energy night where your favourite drinks meet a massive community sing-along. Different from a traditional karaoke, this event invites the entire room to belt out classic anthems, pop tracks and nostalgic hits together. The event offers a fun evening designed to let loose and laugh.

WHEN: May 22, 7pm **WHERE:** Hamilton, Whitefield **DETAILS:** district.in

Pot of Paint

Let your creativity flow with a pot painting workshop where you will learn to work with vibrant acrylic colours, making patterns to transform a simple terracotta pot into a personalised piece of art. At the hands-on session, you get to take your colourful creation home to brighten up your space.

WHEN: May 22, 1pm onwards

WHERE: Cafe de Verde, Koramangala

CALL: 70229 50810

ARTCORNER

TEA BREAK

Artist Lisa George evokes memories of heirloom cutlery and India's beloved tea break

UNDERSTANDING THE HANTAVIRUS SCARE

The virus does not spread through mosquitoes, food, water or ordinary human contact

Dr MUHAMMED NIYAS

NEWS of a hantavirus outbreak on a cruise ship broke quietly in early May 2026. The outbreak occurred on a vessel that had departed from Argentina. Eight people were seriously ill, and three died.

The WHO activated its emergency protocols, contact tracers began working across multiple countries, and within days, the story had found its way onto our news feeds as well. Friends, colleagues, patients asking some version of the same question: 'Should we be worried?'

Let me try to answer.

A very old virus

Hantavirus is not something that emerged recently. It has been with us for a long time, hiding inside rodents, largely invisible to medicine until the Korean War in the early 1950s, when more than 2,000 soldiers developed a haemorrhagic fever that nobody could explain.

The virus lives in rodents and spreads to humans through their urine, droppings and saliva. Infection almost always happens by inhaling contaminated dust, the kind that gets disturbed when you clean out an old shed or sleep in a poorly-ventilated room with a rodent problem.

The virus does not spread through mosquitoes, food, water, or ordinary human contact. In Asia and Europe, the disease primarily attacks

the kidneys. In the Americas, it tends to destroy the lungs. The death rate in American outbreaks can reach 25 to 50 per cent, which is why this current outbreak has attracted serious attention.

What made this different?

Most hantaviruses are a dead end in humans. You catch it from a rodent, you get sick, and it stops there.

The virus involved in the cruise ship outbreak is called Andes virus, and it is the only hantavirus species that can occasionally spread from one person to another. It is endemic to South America.

The leading hypothesis is that one passenger acquired the infection before boarding the ship in Argentina and then transmitted it to others through prolonged close contact in an enclosed environment.

Six cases were laboratory-confirmed. Two were probable. Three people died. WHO rated the global public health risk as low and the risk for those directly on board as moderate.

Should Indians be worried?

No, not about this specific outbreak. Andes virus does not circulate in India, and the current outbreak has not generated any transmission chains outside the affected vessel. But hantavirus itself is not absent from India. The lineage of the virus, however, is different from the Andes virus.

Given the density of rat populations in Indian cities and the weakness of our zoonotic disease surveillance systems, it is almost certain that some cases are being missed and written off as dengue, leptospirosis or unspecified viral fever.

Will this become another Covid-19?

No. The comparison is already circulating, but the biology is fundamentally different.

Covid-19 spread because SARS-CoV-2 was extraordinarily efficient. It transmitted before symptoms appeared, via brief airborne exposure, from people who felt perfectly fine. Andes virus requires prolonged, close contact with someone who is already visibly ill.

The largest human-to-human cluster ever documented outside a healthcare setting involved 34 cases. Even in that superspreader event in Argentina, the chain stopped.

WHO is not recommending travel restrictions. There is no evidence of community transmission anywhere in the world. This is a serious, localised outbreak affecting a defined group of people, and it deserves a serious, proportionate response. There is no reason to panic.

What you need to do

If you have not travelled to South America recently and have not had close contact with someone who returned ill from there, your risk today is effectively zero.

If you have had that exposure, watch for fever, severe body aches, and breathlessness over the next 42 days. Seek medical attention early and tell your doctor exactly where you have been.

For the rest of us, the most useful lesson from this outbreak is a general one: rodents carry diseases. Avoid contact with wild rodents. When cleaning spaces that may have rodent activity, use wet methods with disinfectant rather than dry sweeping, which throws contaminated dust into the air.

(The writer is consultant, department of infectious diseases, KIMSHEALTH, Thiruvananthapuram)

EXPERTS EXPLAIN HOW HYDRATION, DIET AND SKINCARE HABITS CAN HELP THE BODY COPE WITH HEAT AND PREVENT DAMAGE

DARSHITA JAIN

HIDDEN TOLL OF HEAT

AS temperatures soar, the body begins to feel the strain in more ways than one. From dehydration to skin flare-ups, summer can take a toll if not managed right. Dr M Gayathri, consultant dietician and nutritionist, explains, "Extreme heat increases fluid and electrolyte loss through sweat, raising the risk of dehydration, fatigue and muscle cramps. Appetite often declines, reducing nutrient intake. Frequent hydration, including water, buttermilk and coconut water, along with light, seasonal foods rich in vitamins and minerals are vital to maintain energy, balance and overall health."

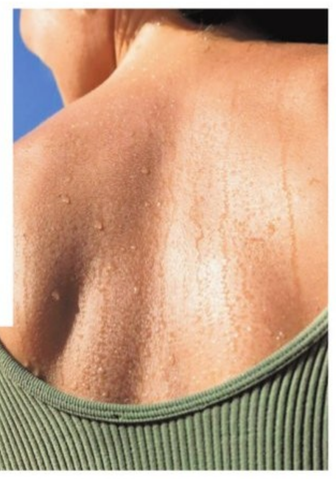
On the skin side, Dr K Kranthi Varma, consultant dermatologist, highlights the visible and internal effects of heat. He says, "Extreme summer heat challenges our body's ability to maintain a stable internal temperature, leading to a range of issues from visible skin conditions to life-threatening internal organ stress." He further adds that concerns such as heat rash (prickly heat), sunburn, acne breakouts, hyperpigmentation and flare-ups of existing conditions can worsen inflammatory skin disorders such as eczema, rosacea and psoriasis.

When it comes to food, Dr Gayathri emphasises choosing cooling foods. She notes, "Apart from other water-rich cooling foods, light meals with leafy vegetables and whole grains are ideal, while spicy, fried and heavy foods should be limited to prevent heat stress and support digestion during summer months."

At the same time, skincare often gets neglected, especially sunscreen reapplication. Dr Varma points out, "The most important skincare step people often skip during summer is sunscreen reapplication. While many apply it once in the morning. Experts emphasise that its effectiveness diminishes after 2 to 3 hours, especially when you are sweating or outdoors." He continues, "For Indian weather, apply a broad-spectrum SPF 50+ sunscreen 15-30 minutes before stepping out and reapply every two to three hours, especially if sweating, swimming, or in high humidity. SPF 50 provides essential, stronger protection against the high UV index typical in India, preventing premature ageing and tanning."

Hydration remains central to both experts' advice. Dr Gayathri explains, "During peak summer, one must have 2.5 to 3.5 litres of water daily, depending on age, activity and climate."

Dr Varma explains how to handle skin concerns, noting, "Acne flares up when sweat and bacteria mix with skin oils to clog pores. Cleanse often, shower post-sweat, and use non-comedogenic products. Heat rash occurs when sweat glands become blocked, leading to tiny, itchy red bumps. To cool the area, use soothing agents and wear breathable fabrics."



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PROTECT YOUR SKIN & BODY
- Apply broad-spectrum SPF 50+ sunscreen every two hours
- Stay hydrated with water and water-rich foods
- Choose loose, light-coloured, breathable clothing

STAY FRESH ALL DAY
- Apply antiperspirant at night on clean, dry skin for better results
- Avoid excess caffeine, alcohol and spicy foods

EASY COOLING REMEDIES AT HOME
- Use cold compresses for 10–15 minutes
- Apply chilled cucumber slices or a cucumber face mask
- Take cool showers and avoid hot water or harsh soaps

WHAT TO CARRY IN YOUR BAG
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CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JEEVAN N**, residing at No. 24, Flat No. 507, Siri Signature, Sunnad Gudu Compound, Uttarahalli Main Road, Gowdanapalya, Bangalore-560061, have changed my name to **JEEVAN KUMAR N**, vide affidavit dated 20.05.2026, sworn before notary Jayalingayya Mudenoormath, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KOMAL CHRISTIAN, aged about 35 years, W/o Desmond Andrew Samuel, R/a A/802, Windsor Troika, Begur koppa Main Road, opposite Dominos, Yelenahalli,, VTC: Begur, PO: Bommanahalli, District: Bengaluru - 560068, have changed my name from **KOMAL CORNELIUS CHRISTIAN** to **KOMAL CHRISTIAN,** vide affidavit dated 20/5/2026 sworn to before V Rangaraju Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, JYOTHY N, aged about 34 years, D/o. Babu N, residing at Nazeem Stores, Ramachandrapura, Jalahalli Post, Bengaluru 560013, Have Changed My Name to **JYOTHI N.** Vide Affidavit Dated 20.05.2026 before Notary S.I. BALAGURU. Bengaluru.

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I, **KALAVATHI DEVARAJ** W/o Babu Reddy N, R/o H.No.5 Vriddhii, Sadashivanagar, near State Bank of India, Attibele post Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru - 562107 have changed my name from **KALAVATHI DEVARAJ** to **KALAVATHI**, vide affidavit dated 02.04.2026, sworn before notary B M Chandrashekhar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Smt. SHANTA**, W/o No. 14278051 Ex-Sigmn Govindaraju, resident of No.3583, Vivekananda Nagar, Near Siddeshwara Provision Stores, Bangarpet, Post and Tehsil-Bangarpet, Dist-Kolar, Karnataka 563 118 have changed my daughter's name from **G. VIJAYA LAKSHMI** to **VIJAYA LAKSHMI G.S.** vide Affidavit dated: 18.05.2026 before the I Addl Civil Judge & J.M.F.C, K.G.F.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **A SREE HARI** is Son of No TJ-6645Y Rank SUB Name ANIL KUMAR S presently residing at Kulakkada - Vill, Kulakkada - Post, Kottarakara- Teh, Kollam- Dist, Kerala- State, PIN-691 521, have changed my name from **A SREE HARI** to **A SREEHARI SREEDHAR,** Vide Affidavit Dated: 19.05.2026 before notary **SIVAKUMARA. M. N,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **N. NAGARATHNA**, W/o K. Dayanand age 52 years, R/at No. 300, 3rd Stage, 2nd Block, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560 079 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **N. NAGARATHNA** and **NAGARATNA GOVINDARAJU** are one and the same and refers to me only, now I have changed my name from **NAGARATNA GOVINDARAJU** to **NARASAPPA NAGARATHNA**, vide affidavit dated 03/02/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ONKARAPPA .N.R** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BODHICITTA POMONG** (formerly known as **BODHICITTA**), residing at Maha Bodhi Society, No.14, Kalidasa Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru -560009, do hereby declare that in some records my mother's name is wrongly mentioned as **"NANG OMANI POMONG"** and the correct name is **"OMANI POMONG,"** vide affidavit dated 31/03/2026 before Notary **Sivakumara M.N.**,Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MANISHA ASHAR, aged about 52 years, W/o. JITEN R ASHAR, residing at No.A703, Raheja Park, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru-560079. hereby declare that MANISHA ASHAR and MANISHA ASHER both the names belong to one and the same person i.e., myself only. And continue my name in future as MANISHA ASHAR Vide Affidavit dated 18/05/2026 sworn before Advocate & Notary Deepa .M, Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Mrs. INDHUMATHI SRINIVASAN**, W/o. Deepak N, Aged about 36 Years, R/at No. 33, Second Cross, Kaveri Nagar, Koddichikkenahalli Main Road, Opp SNN Raj Gardeur Apartment Backside Gate, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru-560068. do hereby solemnly declare that we have Changed my daughter's name from **ADHYASRI. D** to **ADHYASRI DEEPAK**, vide affidavit dated 13.05.2026, sworn before B.M. Chandrashekar, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru. My daughter's name will be hereafter called as **ADHYASRI DEEPAK**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PRAMOD Father of PRIYANKA PRAMOD KULKARNI, Presently residing at No.64/12, Eshavasyam 2nd Floor, 2nd Main, kaveri Nagar, Kathriguppe, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085, have changed my daughter's name from **PRIYANKA PRAMOD KULKARNI** to **PRIYANKA NARENCHANDRA KANCHI,** vide affidavit dated 14-05-2026 sworn before notary S N MADHU, Reg. No.10108, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, No. 14548690L Ex. Naik. **M. Ramesh,** residing at No.24,,Weslyan Block, Coromandel Post, K.G.F Tehsil, Bangarpet, Dist. Kolar, Karnataka, 563 118 have changed my wife's name from **K. INDRA** to **INDRA.K** vide Affidavit dated: 18.05.2026 before the I Addl Civil Judge & J.M.F.C, K.G.F.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NURJAHAN BEGAM,** W/o Md Ainuddin Mandal, resident of flat No. 117, Sashank Aadya, Shamarajapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Vadarahalli Gram Panchayat, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560097, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NURJAHAN KHATUN** to **NURJAHAN BEGAM** henceforth I shall be known and called as **NURJAHAN BEGAM** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18/05/2026 sworn before Advocate and Notary **S. PRAKASH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mrs. PRAGATI HANAMANT KULAKARNI** W/o Anup Kumar Abkari, aged about 33 years, presently residing at C/o Anup Kumar Abkari, Flat No. A407, Sumadhura Aspire Amber, Bidarahalli Hobli, Doddabanahalli, Kannamangala, Bengaluru-560067, Karnataka. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'PRAGATI HANAMANT KULAKARNI'** to **'PRAGATI KULAKARNI'**, vide Affidavit dated 19.05.2026, Sworn before Advocate and Notary R. Jyshree, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PRIYA SANJEEV NAIK, D/o SANJEEV NAIK, aged about 33 years, residing at #1/11, 2nd Main Road, Poornapragna Layout, Kathriguppe, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore – 560085, hereby declare that PRIYA SANJEEV NAIK, PRIYA SANJEEVA NAIK and NAIK PRIYA SANJEEV are one and the same person, i.e., myself. Henceforth, I shall continue to use the name PRIYA SANJEEV NAIK for all future purposes. Vide Affidavit dated 20/05/2026, sworn before Advocate & Notary S.N. Madhu, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Ambika Bilgundi W/o Snehal Rajkumar Bhadrashetty, Residing At. No. 140, Sri Sai Nilaya, 5th Main, 7th Cross, KEB Layout, Ashwath Nagar, Bengaluru-560094. Karnataka India. do here by declare that i have changed my name from AMBIKA to AMBIKA BILGUNDI Henceforth, i shall be known & called as AMBIKA BILGUNDI for All Purpose. Vide Affidavit Dated 06/05/2026 Sworn Before Notary Jalandhara, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DNYANESHWAR MHATRE,** aged about 51 years, S/o. Eknath Mhatre, No. 1002, Block-B, SRI Ram Sahana Apartment Nagenahalli Puttenahalli, Bengaluru-560064, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DNYANESHWAR EKANATH MHATRE** to **DNYANESHWAR MHATRE,** vide affidavit dated 18.05.2026, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Smt. PRAMILA.R,** W/o No. 14826750N, EX-ASC, late .K. Srinivasan, resident of No.24/1, Weslyan Block, Coromandel Post, K.G.F. 563 118, KGF Taluk, Kolar District, have changed my name from **R. PRAMILA** to **PRAMILA.R** vide Affidavit dated: 18.05.2026 before the I Addl Civil Judge & J.M.F.C, K.G.F.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SWAPNARANI S** is legally wedded spouse of No TJ-6645Y Rank SUB Name ANIL KUMAR S presently residing at Kulakkada Vill, Kulakkada Post, Kottarakara-Teh, Kollam- Dist, Kerala State, PIN-691 521, have changed my name from **SWAPNARANI S** to **SWAPNA RANI S,** Vide Affidavit Dated : 19.05.2026 before notary **SIVAKUMARA. M. N,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SACHIN V S,** aged about 18 years, S/o Suresh Kumar V, residing at No. 156, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, 6th Block, BEL Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **S SACHIN** to **SACHIN V S** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SACHIN V S** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 14/05/2026 sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. RAMESH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BODHICITTA POMONG** (formerly known as **BODHICITTA**), residing at Maha Bodhi Society, No. 14, Kalidasa Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru -560009, do hereby declare that in some records my father's name is wrongly mentioned as **"LIKHAM POMONG"** and the correct name is **"CHOW LIKHAM POMONG,"** vide affidavit dated 31/03/2026 before Notary **Sivakumara M.N.**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PAUL PRABHAKAR, S/o. SHANTH KUMAR, Residing At No P H 01, 5th FLOOR, SAHASRA PRIDE APARTMENT 3RD CROSS RAJANNA LAYOUT, HORAMAVU AGARA BANGALORE 560043, hereby declare that PAUL PRABHAKAR and PAUL PRABHAKAR S both the names belong to one and the same person i.e., myself only. And continue my name in future as PAUL PRABHAKAR Vide Affidavit dated 19/05/2026 sworn before Advocate & Notary Smt. A. Manjula, Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Mrs. INDHUMATHI SRINIVASAN**, W/o. Deepak N, Aged about 36 Years, R/at No. 33, Second Cross, Kaveri Nagar, Koddichikkenahalli Main Road, Opp SNN Raj Gardeur Apartment Backside Gate, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru-560068. do hereby solemnly declare that we have Changed my daughter's name from **ANANYASRI. D** to **ANANYASRI DEEPAK**, vide affidavit dated 13.05.2026, sworn before B.M. Chandrashekar, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru. My daughter's name will be hereafter called as **ANANYASRI DEEPAK**

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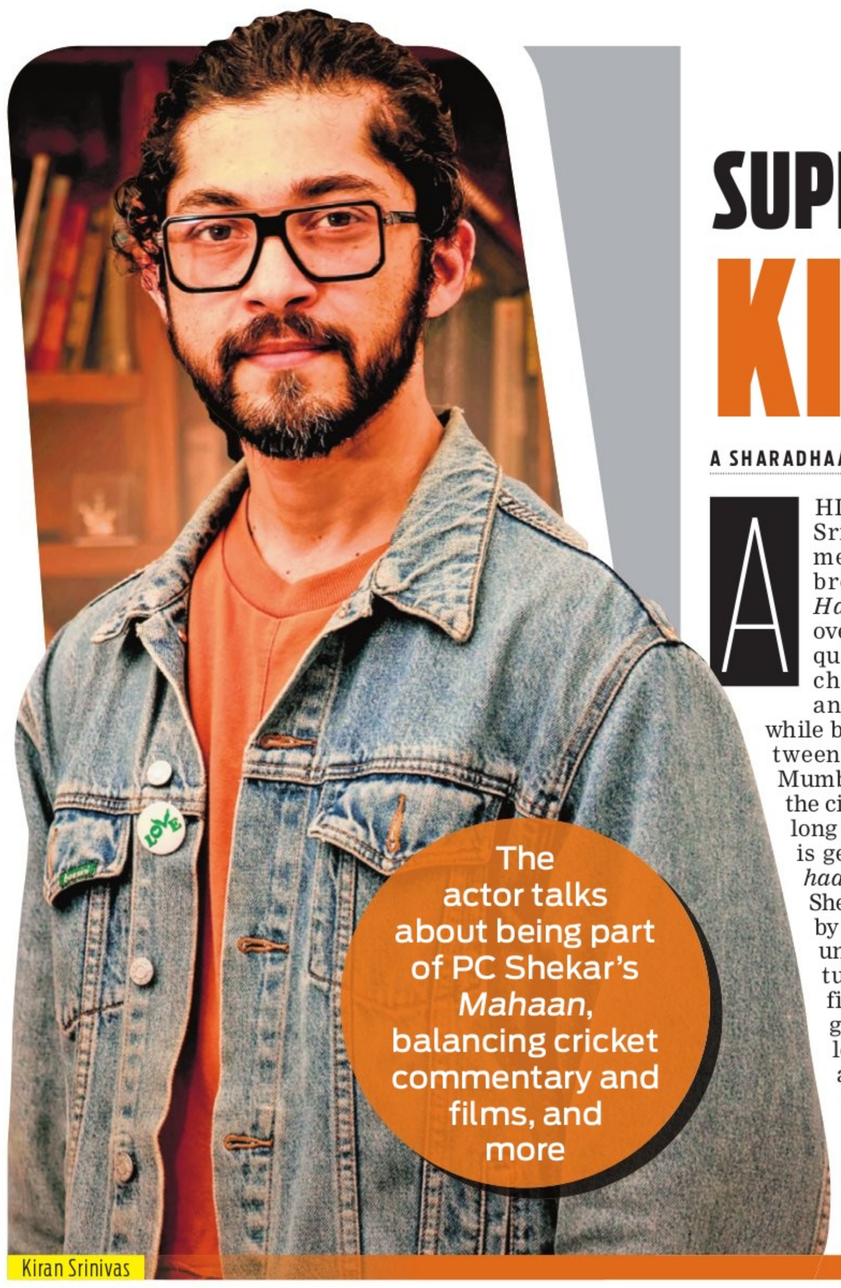
I AM HAPPIEST IN THE SUPPORTING CHARACTERS SPACE: KIRAN SRINIVAS



Kiran Srinivas

A SHARADHAA

AHILE actor Kiran Srinivas is still remembered for his breakout debut in *Haage Summane*, over the years, he has quietly built a career choosing performance-oriented roles while balancing work between Bengaluru and Mumbai. Now back in the city for good after a long stint away, Kiran is gearing up for *Mahaan*, directed by PC Shekar and produced by Prakash Budduru under the Akash Pictures banner. The film stars Vijay Raghavendra in the lead and revolves around an emotionally driven story centred on farmers.

Interestingly, cinema is only one side of Kiran's current life. The actor, who is also passionate about cricket commentary, has been busy with IPL-related work. "I grew up watching cricket, so commentary is something I genuinely enjoy. It's a refreshing change from cinema," he says.

But films continue to remain close to his heart. "I was offered a strong supporting role with several shades. Even though the screen time may be limited, the role has enough scope," Kiran explains. He adds that working with PC Shekar has been something he has hoped for since his early years in the industry. "I had always wanted to work with him at some point. Even the role felt emotionally close to me," he says.

The actor also recalls how special it felt to share screen space with Vijay Raghavendra, remembering their earlier association on a reality show where the senior actor treated him with warmth and encouragement.

Having become clearer about his choices as an actor, Kiran says he is happiest in the supporting space. "Positive or negative, it doesn't matter. If it's a key role, I'm happy doing it," says the actor, who was last seen in Junior. He also reveals that filmmaker Pavan Wadeyar has offered him an important role in Bail, starring Shiva Rajkumar.

Recalling his early years, Kiran reflects on the era between 2005 and 2007, when films like Mungaru Male and Duniya changed Kannada cinema, and how Ganesh and Vijay became household names and bona fide stars who still find success today. "That period gave actors like Diganth, Yash and a few others, including me, visibility. Of course, each of us chose different paths, but the appreciation we received then still brings us work today," he says.

For Kiran Srinivas, the medium has never mattered as much as the role. "Whether it's cinema, OTT or any platform, I'm always looking for interesting characters," he signs off.

Team Neeniddare

Neeniddare to take the feature film route

CE FEATURES

KANNADA single, *Neeniddare*, released under the Mogachi Laram Creation banner through Siri Music, has been received warmly by the audience. Produced by Australia-based NRI Noor Rbat, the song follows a woman revisiting memories from a past relationship through a bracelet that reconnects her to an earlier phase of life.

Interestingly, what began as a standalone musical project may now evolve into something bigger. According to the filmmakers, the team initially envisioned *Neeniddare* as a single track before expanding the concept into a five-song musical slate. "Discussions are currently underway to develop the material into a feature film, with the makers targeting production within the next few months," the team revealed.

Apart from composing the song and directing it, Vincent Fernandes Cassia has also written the lyrics. The cast includes Avil Rodrigues, Karen Pinto and Smita Pinto.

Veteran Kannada actor Ramesh Bhat released the single at an event attended by Tennis Krishna and Suresh Chikkanna. The event also spotlighted 11-year-old drummer Kemaril Pinto. Shot around Himagiri Estate, the track features cinematography by Lakshikant, editing by Rajesh Chauhan and vocals by Shilpa Kutinha.

Karen Pinto

Francesca Scorsese joins *Mr and Mrs Smith*

CE FEATURES

THE *Mr & Mrs Smith* series from Amazon MGM Studios and New Regency has added Francesca Scorsese (We Are Who We Are) as Jane Smith for the second season, which entered production last month. Season 1 lead actors Donald Glover and Maya Erskine, in addition to being the executive producers, are also expected to return to star in the second season. But it is unclear to what extent their prominence on screen would extend. Francesca will join the previously announced cast members Mark Eydelshteyn and Talia Ryder.

Details regarding the plot, the extended cast and a release date are yet to be revealed. The first season aired in 2024. The second season is currently filming in Los Angeles after going through months of delay. Francesca Scorsese, daughter of legendary filmmaker Martin Scorsese, has acted in shows such as *We Are Who We Are*, *Roommates* and *Christmas Eve in Miller's Point*.

Anjali Anish to star alongside Rishi in *Ananta Padmanabha*

Anjali Anish

CE FEATURES

ANJALI Anish, the actor who marked her debut with *Padavi Poorva* and got her breakthrough with Yogaraj Bhat's directorial *Manada Kadalu*, later went on to work in MD Shridhar's *Jumbo Circus*. She is now all set to star opposite Rishi in Prashanth Rajappa's directorial debut, *Ananta Padmanabha*. The travel film also stars Prakash Belawadi in a prominent role.

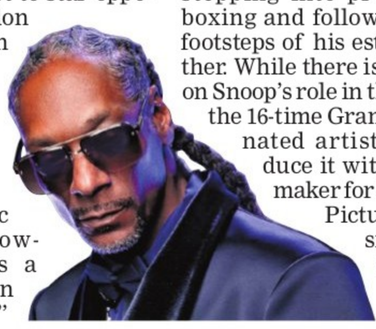
Anjali has an interesting arc to play in the film, which has already been filmed. More details about her character is expected to be revealed closer to the film's release date. This also marks the first time she will be sharing screen space with Rishi. Produced by Amrej Suryavanshi, *Ananta Padmanabha* has been shot across Bengaluru, Sagara, and the lush surroundings of Thirthahalli. The film has music composed by Ashwin P Kumar, while the cinematography is by Venus Nagaraj Murthy.

As for Rishi, he is now juggling between Telugu and Kannada projects, and has wrapped shooting for his next Telugu film, *Bhagavanthudu*, along with two other untitled projects. He is also shooting for *Jawara* in Kannada.

Snoop Dogg to star in *The Faith of Long Beach*

CE FEATURES

LEGNEDARY rapper Snoop Dogg is all set to return to his roots. The Long Beach native is set to star opposite Brandon Perea (Nope) in the upcoming boxing drama *The Faith of Long Beach*.



The film, written and directed by Eric Amadio (Snowfall), follows a "soft-spoken street fighter" raised in a Long Beach group home whose life is torn between his disturbing past and a promising future. He quickly outgrows backyard brawls, stepping into professional boxing and following in the footsteps of his estranged father. While there is no clarity on Snoop's role in the film yet, the 16-time Grammy-nominated artist will produce it with Sara Ramaker for Death Row Pictures, alongside Adonis Tountas of Everlast Pictures.

Mythria Gowda returns to cinema, launches production house

Mythria Gowda

CE FEATURES

MYTHRIA Gowda, who was introduced to audiences as Puneeth Rajkumar's sister in *Mourya* before featuring in films such as Surya *The Great* and *Topiwala*, starring Upendra, is now stepping into production with the launch of her new banner, Maithriya Global Trust. The production house was launched in the presence of actor Aniruddh, producer Uday Mehta, and MLC Sharavana, who extended their wishes to the actress.

Calling it a long-cherished dream, Mythriya said she always wanted to balance cinema with social contribution. "Through this platform, I want to encourage new talent and create opportunities for fresh artistes. I am currently listening to a few scripts, and details about the projects will be announced soon," she said.

Gullak season 5 gets premiere date

CE FEATURES

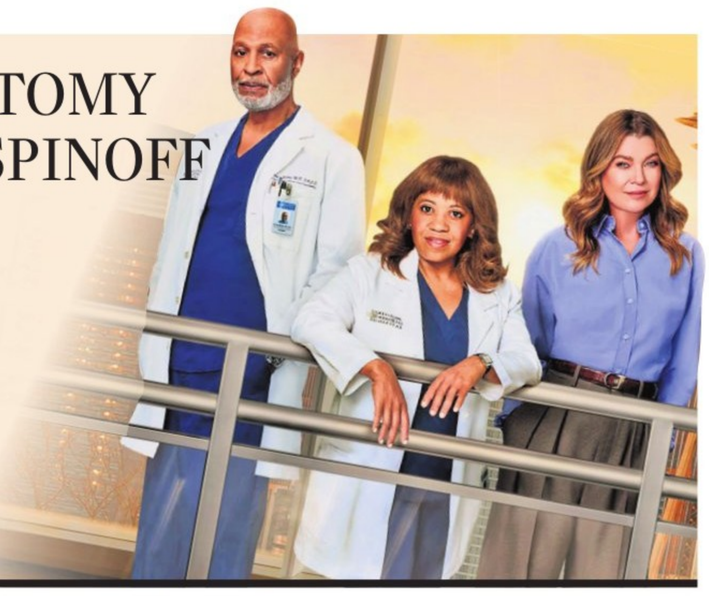
STREAMER SonyLIV announced on Wednesday that the acclaimed series *Gullak*'s fifth season will debut on the platform on June 5.

In the upcoming season, the Mishra family will be seen having upgrades and updates of all sorts, even as it tries to keep up with changing times. Annu (now played by Anant Joshi) is battling the familiar pressure of proving himself and family, where ambition constantly wrestles with self-doubt. Meanwhile, Aman returns quieter than before, carrying secrets of his own. On the other hand, Shanti unexpectedly finds herself enjoying a little spotlight, thanks to the online popularity of "Bittu Ki Mummy," in a world suddenly obsessed with being seen. Amid all the upheavals, *Gullak* explores the themes of belongingness and outgrowing one's roots. The new season brings back the ensemble featuring Jameel Khan, Geetanjali Kulkarni, Harsh Mayar, Sunita Rajwar, and Helly Shah. Meanwhile, Anant Joshi steps into the role of Annu this season, replacing Vaibhav Raj Gupta.

CE FEATURES

GREY'S ANATOMY GETS NEW SPINOFF

TELEVISION channel ABC has officially given its nod to a new spinoff of one of the longest-running shows, *Grey's Anatomy*. The spinoff series will get its premiere during the 2026-2027 broadcast season. The series has had three spinoffs so far: *Private Practice*, *Grey's Anatomy: B-Team* and *Station 19*.

The makers have set this untitled spinoff in West Texas. They say the one-hour show will be an "edgy drama" about a team at a rural medical centre, essentially the last chance for care before miles of nowhere. *Grey's Anatomy* star and executive producer Ellen Pompeo will also serve as an EP on the spinoff series.

The returning team includes *Grey's Anatomy* creator Shonda Rhimes, who is also the new series' co-creator and executive producer alongside Meg Marinis, who has been the series's showrunner since season 20 (2024). Shondaland and 20th Television are producing the spinoff.